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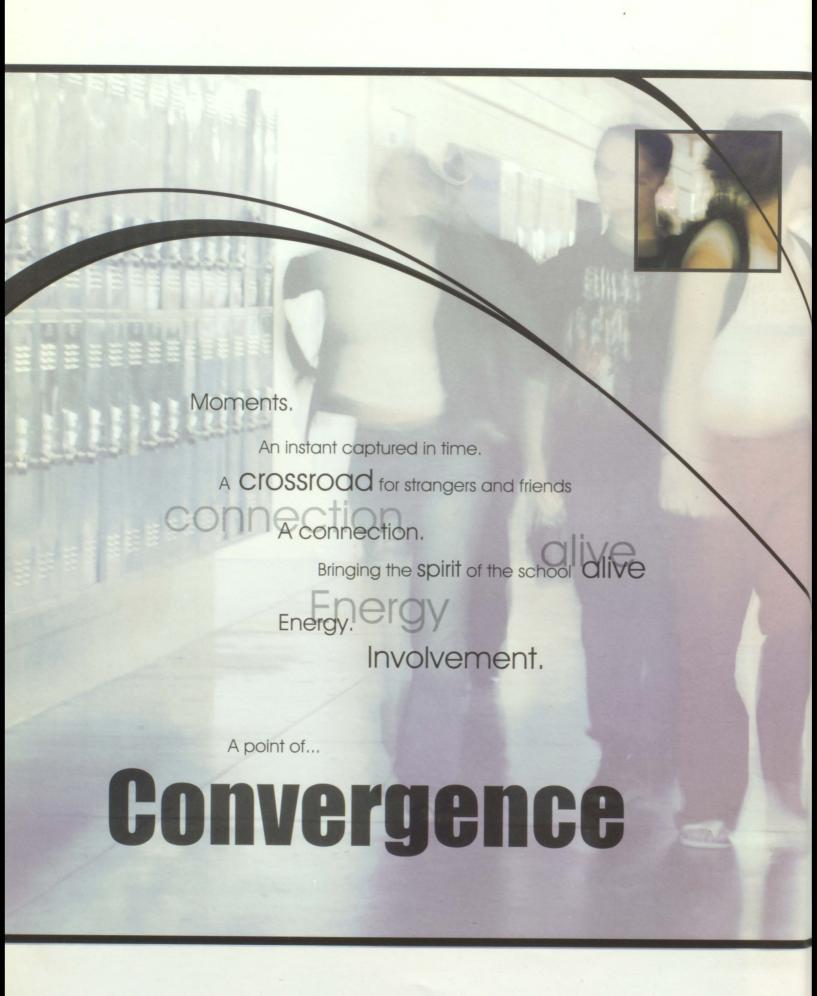


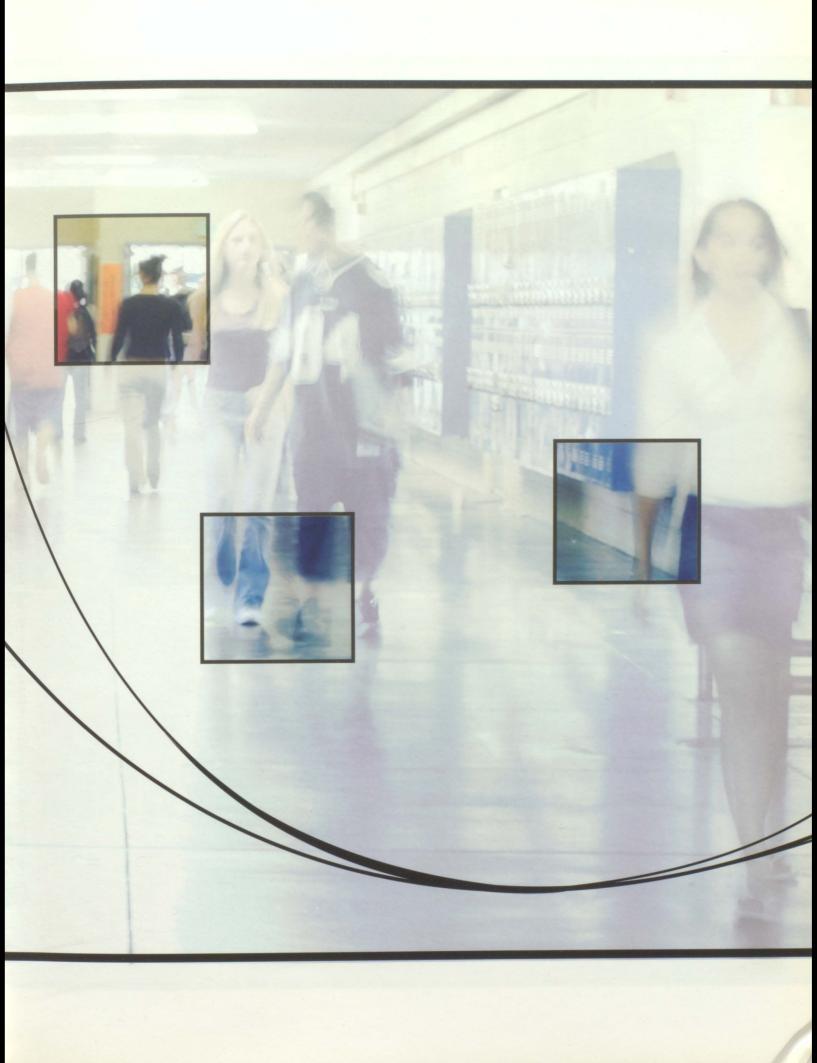
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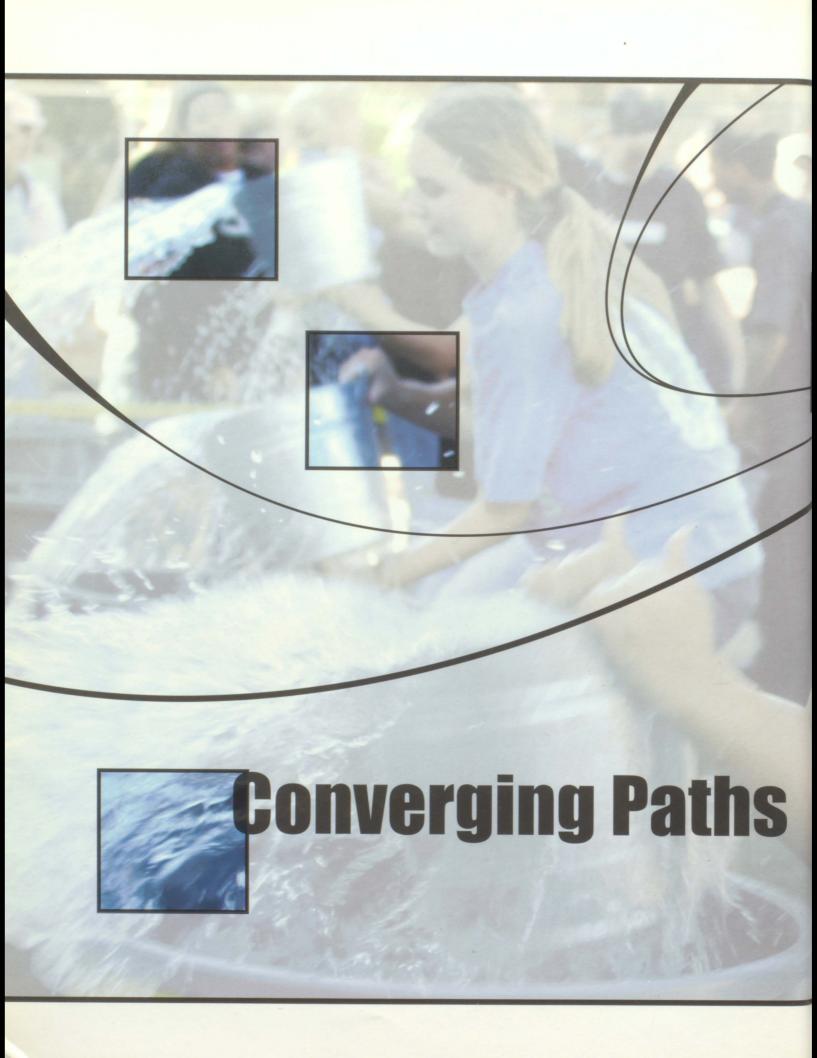




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# Lost in aMAZEment

Students guide themselves through MAZE By Nisha Desai

AZE is a bittersweet event; you get to see your friends again, but it's a reminder that school is starting. This year's MAZE configuration differed from the years before. Pictures were taken first and schedules were give last. This new setup created many headaches as people had to wait in line to get to other lines...

#### ■ Station 1: ID Pictures

"I purposely made a funny face because I knew my picture wouldn't go in the yearbook." -Sabrina Habel, 12.

#### Station 2: Viking Vendor

Irvington paraphernalia was sold here, from bullhorns to license plates.

#### Station 3: Yearbook Orders

The yearbook received more orders during MAZE than ever before.

"Prices are cheaper, plus I loved last year's book." -Jessica Leone, 11

#### ■ Station 4: Clubs

Many clubs had a booth during MAZE to publicize their activities and purpose.

"More people sign up for clubs at the beginning of the year." -Percy Lai, 12.

#### Station 5: Schedules

Receiving and comparing schedules... And freaking out over them.

#### ■ Station 6: Schedule Problem Desk

Many people had problems with their schedules, but few changes were made during maze. Most students had to wait until school started.

"This is a huge headache. Even though I signed up for my classes last year, my schedule is still screwed up." Crystal Rooks, 10

#### Station 7: Lockers

"Finding a locker during Freshman day was pretty tough." -lan Whiles, 9





### **Yearbook Chaos**

Accepting yearbook orders, Tiffany Nguyen, Roma Parekh, Lauren Stewart, Jing Yee, Sonya Sachdeva, and Wendy Lao joke around during MAZE. "I sang lullabies to attract customers," says Jing Yee. Photo: Melody Chu

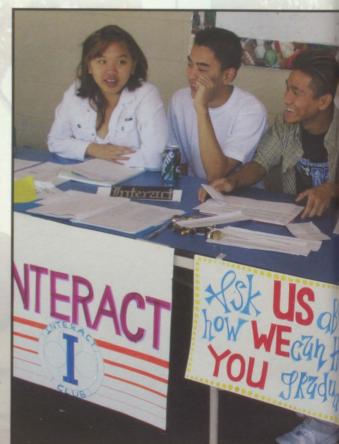
#### Time to Relax

Relaxing after a rush, Rosalind Lai, Percy Lai, Toe Lwin, and Jack Soe club officers of Interact socialize. Publicizing your club during MAZE can ensure yearlong members. Photo: Jennifer Hsu





"MAZE was chaotic as usual, with humongous lines. What are we going to do about it? Nothing.





#### Finally, a free locker!

Trying to locate a locker in freshman hall, Monica Smith and Brittni Anolin are disappointed. "We tried to get a lockers next to each other but none existed, so we chose to share one," says Monica Smith. Photo: Melody Chu

#### Get me out of here!

Chatting over the gate that guided students through MAZE, Kris Bond and Jamie Mangan take a moment to survey the crowd and compare schedules. Photo: Melody Chu







### MAZE Adds Up

850 Yearbooks Sold \$60 Per Yearbook

300 Locks sold by We the People

Per Lock \$5

Major lines 3 (A-G, H-O, P-Z)

14 club booths

900 ASB stickers sold

#### **The Viking Vendors**

Sorting through the blue items, Allison Ligh and Sarah Sheikh count money during the freshmen MAZE. "We sold lots of new Irvington gear," says Allison Ligh. Photo: Melody Chu

Nancy Wang | 09

"I've been able to see all my friends at MAZE, but it's also a reminder that school is starting.



#### **Bopping to the Music**

It's hard to ignore the call of the music and Amanda Mooney doesn't fight the urge to dance. The gym changed into a spectacular 50s dance floor and was the home of those who cherished it. Photo: Jennifer Hsu





#### **Blast that Gym**

The gym quieted and hushed as they listened to Austin Taylor, Ray Spicer, Liwei Tsao, and Kyle Padilla bless the gym with their beautiful voices. They opened the rally with the National Anthem and received unanimous applause afterwards. *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 

#### **Effortless Moves**

During their performance in the Hello Rally, the Song Girls made the difficult look easy. Monica Colagiovanni, Jessica Bury, Regina Perelman, Lizette Marquez , and Katie Atfield, build an impressive dance in the gym. *Photo:*Melody Chu



#### Atif Kamran | 12

"I had to waste time, so I decided to sing, and I just happened to get the words [to the Ebay song]. I don't remember the words, I made it up on the spot."



#### Ashley Mayfield | 09

"I was nervous because I was not used to being up in front of so many people. I think that even if we made mistakes, we did our best!"



Student Life



# **Spice** Up the Welcome

The Hello Rally and Dance was during our first week back By Jing Yee

**1.45PM.** My freshman friend asked me, "Should I go to the Hello Dance?" Without a second's doubt, I said, "Trust me, it'll be one of your favorite dances, go!"

**2.30PM.** My last Hello Rally went by leaving me in awe. The Song Girls were fabulous, with catchy and addicting moves. Irvington's quartet's smooth singing made me want more.

**6.35PM.** As a senior dedicated to Irvington, I started to throw things around after I found out that I had no ride to the dance.

**7.00PM.** Luckily, my friend and I managed to work out a deal, and I steadily prepared for my last Hello Dance. I went in the clothes that I wore the same day, because one of the best things about the Hello Dance is that it is casual.

7.50PM. My friends and I huddled in a

circle around the tunnel gate. I forgot to bring my jacket and had to link my arms with each other and jump and down. When was the dance going to start?

**8.00PM.** Yes! Release into the jungle!!! I mean, time to dance! Let the good times roll! Let me have a go on those chairs!

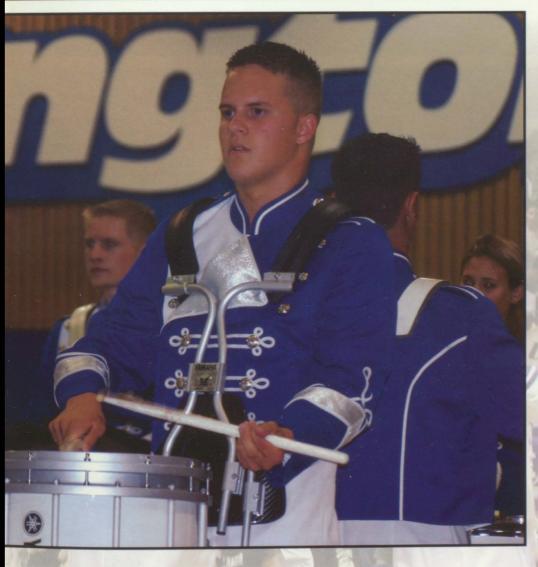
**9.00PM**. I didn't feel like dancing and I could hear some rumbling in my tummy, so I went to the freshman hallway to eat some food. My fingers couldn't resist picking up one Bagel Bite after another.

**11.00PM**. Tired and exhausted, I walked away from the school to find my dad. As usual, he gave me the "Teenagers are so wild today" lecture, but I didn't care. The music was great, the food was great, the people were great, and I had a lot of fun trying to pop those balloons.



Hello?
The Bagel Bite Story

There were oven baked Bagel Bites at the dance available to everyone. A little girl sneaked over to the Bagel Bites table and secretly stole one. With the first bite she were shot into yummy heaven and the little girl repeatedly grabbed more. Suddenly, there were no more bagel bites! "NO!" the little girl screamed. She moped and decided to settle for the yummy brownies.





#### Raising the Roof

The atmosphere in the gym hits rocket high as Moises Sandoval lifts Joseph Carrethers on his shoulders. The spirit among the football players was immense that day. *Photo: Jing Yee* 

#### **A Sounding Moment**

With a composed look, David Torres treats the gym to the sound of his drums. David says, "We had one week of band training before school, and then practiced twice during the first week to be able to perform and be able to set up in the gym." Photo: Jennifer Hsu

# Going for the Gold



#### Battle!

The Winner Emerges

#### Freshmen won:

Best Hairstyle Best Make-up [Female]

#### Sophomores won:

Nothing. Better luck next year!

#### Juniors won:

Nothing [But at least they had a nice bench.]

#### Seniors won:

Best T-shirt Design Best Make-up [Male] Tug-of-War Bucket Brigade Throwing Goldfish

#### Chronicling competition between the four classes

I omecoming isn't homecoming without its crazy perks. What were this year's moments that stood out like an orange bird in a blue room? Read on.

#### **■** MONDAY

For the hairstyle game, Justin Ramos got the letters "IHS" shaved into his head!

The entries for the T-shirt design game were awesome! Anum Tariq's skills turned a regular, black class T-shirt into something even I would want to wear to school daily.

The boys tried to put makeup on the girls. Talk about bad hand-eye coordination.

#### **TUESDAY**

Instead of throwing the goldfish one by one, all of the contestants in the Goldfish game threw them by the handful. Bakedand-not-fried goldfish were everywhere.

#### **■ WEDNESDAY**

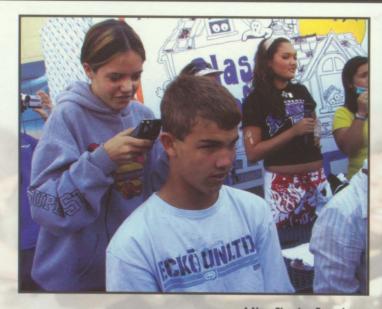
There were many calls of "ew" and "gross" on Tuesday. I don't blame anyone though. Going through water and cocoa mix in order to secure onions with your teeth does not sound very appealing.

Wednesday was the day of the pool games. The senior boys wore nothing more than flowery bikini tops and trunk bottoms for this event. Some of them actually looked mighty attractive!

#### **THURSDAY**

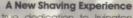
The Bucket Brigade! This game is an important tradition. We had a lot of laughs at the expense of the people who were drenched by the many holes in the buckets.

The last game was the Tug-of-War, another annual tradition. Seniors once again came out on top!



#### Justin Ramos | 09

"I heard that the freshmen class don't win that much, so I was just trying to help them out. We planned this ahead of time, It was all worth it to win."



Showing true dedication to Irvington and the freshmen class, Justin Ramos lets Lindsay McCarthy shave the letters "IHS" into the back of his head. Needless to say, the freshmen won hands down for this game. Photo: Jing Yee

#### Pass It On!

As water from the bucket spills from the holes, Jeff Stepan does his best to pass it on to Tabitha Harris. She barely had enough time to hold it before Wendy Lao stepped forward to catch it with her wet hands. *Photo:*Nisha Desai







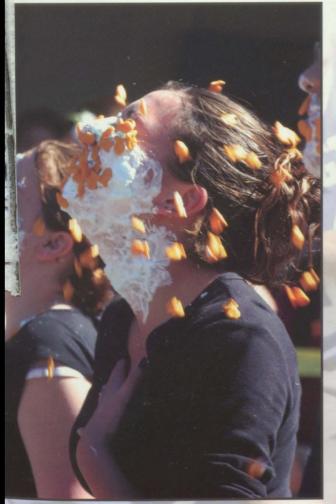
#### Onions, Anyone?

On the third day of Homecoming Week, James Day gets drenched with cocoa mix in an attempt to secure victory for the sophomore class. The classes cheered and gasped as the students participating in the game bit into the onions. *Photo: Jing Yee* 

#### A Trip to the Beauty Parlor

Laughter escapes from sophomore Valerie Lim as she stops to admire her work on Alex Chen. The first day of homecoming week started off well with this game, which attracted quite a number of people to see their fellow classmates in make-up. *Photo: Wendy Lao* 







#### Dying for a New Dye Job

To do her part for the sophomore class, Cindy Tran braces herself for the new temporary coloring job she is about to receive on the first day of homecoming games. The little mists from the blue hair dye can be seen as she waits. *Photo: Jennifer Hsu* 

#### Heads Up, Flying Fish Loose!

There is so much joy in putting on shaving cream and using its stickiness to catch flying goldfish. Monica Colagiovanni keeps her head up as Derek Hallet throws the goldfishes by the handful. *Photo: Jennifer Hsu* 

#### Matt Johnson | 12

"I didn't think that I'd get this wet ... I had the bucket hanging over my head for hecka days and the person behind me was just chillaxin'."





#### **Homecoming VS Mission**

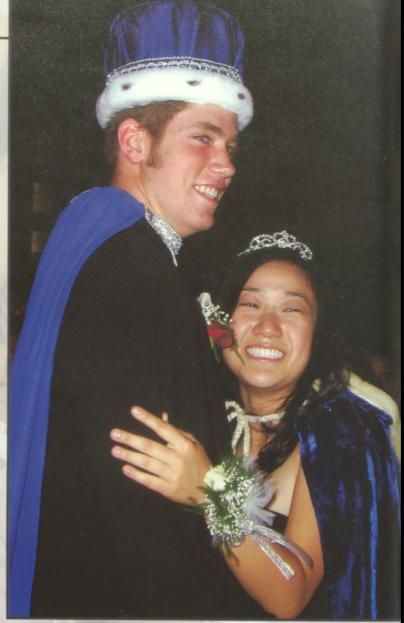
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#### I Like the Waaay You Move!

The homecoming dance is a time to let loose and have fun; Homecoming King Jason Cain and Homecoming Queen Liz Choo do just that as they dance in front of the admiring crowd.

Photo: Melody Chu





#### Oh We Feel So Good, UH!

Yes, we do feel good especially after beating Mission San Jose at the Homecoming game. Freshman Joseph Gurkin, is under the costume as Irvington's mascot. Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Ooh Say Can You See..

As the crowd stands up, Evan Boomer sings the national anthem during the homecoming rally. "I always wanted to sing at a rally... I couldn't hear myself sing, but it was a lot of fun," reflects Evan. Photo: Samihah Azim



#### Bring It On!

The varsity cheerleaders give a stunning performance during halftime at the homecoming game. Their spirit rallied the crowd, rooting on Irvington's victory. Photo: Tyler Underwood



### 2003-2004 Homecoming Court



Liz Choo Homecoming Queen



Kendra Sakuda 1st Runner Up



**Christy Baird** 



Monica Colagiovanni



**Ashley Juenger** 



Kate Mosso

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# The Irvington Channel

Tuning into Irvington with spirit and pride By Samihah Azim

The momentum of Homecoming Week came to a final close. Each class had a theme based on a television show, at the end of the week, the entire school converged under the common theme of television shows. Students, parents, and teachers alike came out to support the football team as they played against and crushed - Mission. To get a little taste of what our 2003-2004 homecoming court members experienced during their Homecoming Week, I decided to interview them...

### Q. Were you expecting to be nominated?

**Derek:** Not really, it was a surprise. I knew Ashish would be though.

**Christy:** I expected certain people to be nominated, but not me.

### Q. Where were you when you were nominated over the intercom?

Kate: I was in the airport at Washington D.C.

**Anthony:** I was in Ms.. Lin's A.P. Calculus AB class.

Liz: I was in the office anticipating.

Q. How did your class react to it?

**Kalani:** I was in the courtyard and my friend ran and tackled me.

**Husain:** They started clapping and laughing, then my friend [Jeff Stepan] ran over and gave me a hug.

### Q. How did you feel walking down the red carpet during the rally?

**Monica:** I felt like I was in the spotlight, and it was really great having people cheer me on.

**Ashish:** It was pretty fun, I liked our "We the People" sign.

### Q. What was it like for you being a member of the court at the dance?

**Ashley:** It was fun because I got to wear a pretty crown, I've never worn one before except a Burger King one.

Jason: I felt like a celebrity.

## Q. What was the highlight of the rally, game, or dance for you?

**Kendra:** When the seniors danced to "Hey Ya" at the Homecoming dance.

**Husain:** When I was picking out my tux. I spent like an hour picking out what I would wear.

### Q. Is there anything else that you would like to share?

Ashley: I'm glad that we went out with a bang and showed all the other classes it's '04 for life! Seniors are triple crown at heart!



**HC Victory!** 

The Celebration

"We went to the Denny's at Warm Springs after the homecoming football game against Mission. I ordered four waffles for nine bucks... way too expensive. Anyway, Robert Vargas spilled water on my pants. But I didn't get too mad. Denny's was great; a bunch of us hanging out, having fun. The bill was really expensive, and it took us half an hour just to pay. I finally left around midnight - it was definitely a memorable moment."

Matt VanDerwerken | 12



Jason Cain Homecoming King



Kalani Kalawaia 1st Runner Up



**Husain Misherghi** 



**Derek Hallett** 



**Ashish Agrawal** 



**Anthony Tadina** 

# Fright FestHalloween



#### Costume Ideas for 2004

- Cleopatra Katie Whitaker | 10
- Monkey Christine Zhu | 9
- Brother Bear Cynthia Chao | 10
- Michael Jordan Jeff Suva | 9
- Sailor Moon Emanuel Silva | 12
- Cross-dresser Chris Nguyen | 11
- Superman Nathan Ng | 12
- Mulan Angela Bui | 11

Who said Halloween was for kids only? By Jessica Chen

Many people ask me, "Don't you think Halloween is a little too childish for us?" Instantly, without a doubt, I firmly reply with a no. Well... perhaps you only see little kids running from door to door shouting, "Trick or treat!" with excitement dripping from their voice, but despite that, we are all in a way still kids too. Everyone from time to time loves to have the chance to dress up and be someone they're not. Halloween is the one holiday that gives us a chance to do that, even if it is just for a day.

Students at Irvington were highly encouraged to dress up for this holiday. Many teachers offered extra credit as an incentive, but as junior Victoria Tang says, "I would have dressed up even if there wasn't extra credit."

With all the distinguished costumes

around Irvington, the award for most noticeable must go to senior Casey Bettencourt and junior Matt Joens, who both dressed up in inflatable sumo wrestler outfits. "Nobody quite expected a skinny guy like me to be dressed up like that." said Matt. "It was really hard to work in the costume because as soon as I sat down, the costume swallowed half of my head!"

The students in AP English 12 had to dress up as literary figures of their choice and act like their character in a skit. Some of the more innovative costumes included Jonathan Sexauer as the Unabomber and Rosalina Gonzalez as Tomb Raider Lara Croft.

The office staff members dressed up to a nightmare hospital theme, complete with all new name tags.

All in all, for everyone who is a kid at heart, it is acceptable for you to go trick or treating. Don't let age be a restriction in letting you express yourself.





Jessica Vo | 12

"My friends and I wanted to do something together, so we decided to be a 70s punk band. I am happy yet sad because this is my last year being able to go trick-or-treating."

#### I Bow Down to Thee

After 3rd period, Ms. Antonacci watches Farhad Baniani, the pirate, as he hands down his sword to his friend Patrick Allan, who is dressed up as Spiderman. Photo: Melody Chu

#### It's Time to Battle, My Friend

During break, Sumo wrestler Matt Joens playfully battles it out with the clown, Liz Emge, right outside their classroom. Photo: Melody Chu





#### A Trick or a Treat?

As a reward for showing Halloween spirit, Snow Feng, dressed up as a maid, carefully picks out candy from Ms. Brackett's bowl full of treats. Photo: Jessica Chen

#### **Friendly Friends**

The big yellow chicken, Alex Ivanovic, gives his friend Aaron Green a hardy hand shake. *Photo: Melody Chu* 







#### **Powder My Nose**

The TV, sophomore Michaela Parker, stands by her locker to check her makeup while chatting with her friend, Natalie Bazely. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

#### Stephanie Walker | 11

"My friend got me this Lucy outfit, she knew I would like it. I like having the chance to change to somebody else and not look weird."



# **Beating the Clock**

Busy students share advice on how to manage time wisely By Wendy Lao



Jaclyn Sewell | 11

Ah, time. Where has it gone? Every day, busy high school students search for the fine balance of friends, family, school work, and hobbies along with interests they find important before the day is over. Even though it seems overwhelming at times, some of Irvington's busiest students share advice that have helped them along the way.



Kevin Patrick | 12

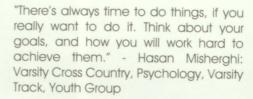
"Trap yourself inside a quiet library or cafe, so that you have nothing to do but study." - Jaclyn Sewell: Chamber Chorale, AP Eng 11, AP Chemistry, Honors Pre-Calculus, Swimming, French 3



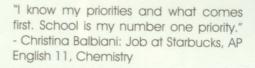
Percy Lai | 12

"Remember, sports, clubs, and playing instruments are EXTRA-curricular activities. Also, use your weekend to your advantage." - Kevin Patrick: Physics, Varsity Football, Job, Pre-Calculus, Spanish 3

"Make study dates with a friend or two. Study at a quiet place, such as a library or cafe, and stay focused." - Percy Lai: Vice President of Interact Club, AP Calculus, Varsity Badminton



"Turn off the computer/internet. Pull the plug if you have to...and have a sibling hide the cord." - Kai Li: WTP, Varsity Tennis, AP Chemistry, AP English, AP Statistics





Hasan M. | 12



Kai Li | 12



Christina B. | 11



**Darkroom Happiness** 

"Do things that make you happy. It makes it worthwhile," suggests Jillian Stoorza while checking the sharpness of her picture in the darkroom. Jillian juggles AP Photography, cross country, and track along with her classes.

Photo: Wendy Lao



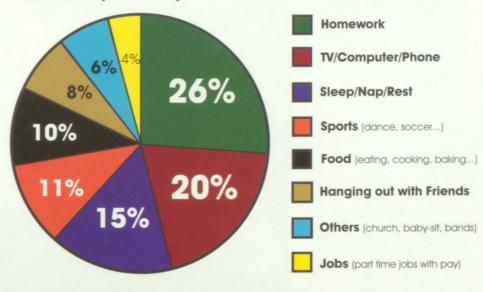


#### Really, Don't Procrastinate

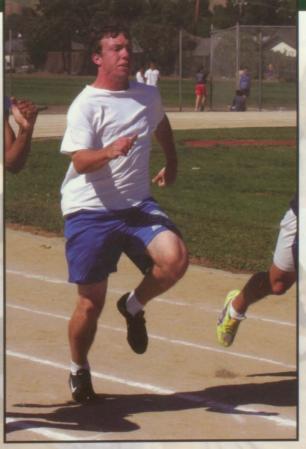
"I don't do it anymore!" says Nikhil Singh, who has learned how dangerous procrastination is. Perhaps that is Nikhil's secret to managing seven classes, including four honors, Marching Band, and Wind Ensemble. Photo: Tyler Underwood

100 students were asked:

"What do you do out of school that takes up most of your time?"







#### Going for more than the Mile

Balancing AP courses and extra circular activities such as track can be exhausting, but Patrick Herndon manages it well. "I have a list of priorities which I complete based on it's importance. This allows me to have more free time," says Patrick. Photo: Wendy Lao

#### Time for a Sandwich

"Choose what's most important to you, complete it step by step, and having fun doing it. As long as I look at things one at a time, I never feel too overwhelmed to complete everything," says Kali Delzompo as she puts together a sandwich at her workplace Quizzno's. Photo: Wendy Lao









Mr. Richards | Staff

[My favorite restaurant is] Sweet Tomatoes. I keep getting more. You don't have to wait. I'm such a pig and I can't control my self.

# me for the Food Freaks

Where should we eat today? By Jing Yee

spend my days in a classroom, eating lunch with fellow recluses who dislike the outside weather However, to retrieve information to find comfortable places for my underclassman in the following years, I traveled. Now I remember why I eat in a classroom.

I exaggerated. It isn't really that bad. The first place I went to was Bay Street Cafe, a coffee shop nearby. I don't like coffee, but they had a delicious peach smoothie and croissants for me to enjoy. It's no Starbucks (not like I drink that stuff anyway), but it's pretty good.

Two days later, I trailed after my friends

to the closest Tapioca Express. I ordered a Lemon Snow Bubble without tapiocas, because I don't like real tapioca drinks either. TapEx is a popular food hangout. I often overhear that when people go out to "bling bling" (or have fun, in a normal American teenager's langage), I hear the words, "Then we went to Tapioca Express and had <insert popular Tapioca drink> and spicy chicken." Right...

Next, Taco Bell. My editor-in-chief hauled me out of our classroom and took me to Taco Bell. Let me first make it known that I have never, ever been to Taco Bell. I ordered the safest looking thing possible: three... tacos (I think). I made sure there was no cheese or lettuce was on it. Everyone else ordered something that sounded a whole lot more fancy.



#### Where do you run to first if your fridge is empty?!

Han-Sung Kal-bi - Joseph Chun | 10

Chevy's - Mr. Alex Lee | Staff

Red Lobster

- Fermin Cruz | 9

Bronco Billy's - Lev Liberman | 11

Applebee's

- Francisco Marquez | 9

Wok City Diner

- Danny Degregario | 10





#### May I Take Your Order?

Time can be saved when you go through the drive thru. Grace Hsiang and Nikita Patel collect their change at the Wendy's drive thru window. Photo: Melody Chu

#### Taking it Nice and Slow

If you have enough time during lunch, it never hurts to have a seat and just start having nice conversations with friends. At Taco Bell, Nicole Maxwell and Christina Perez chat and eat, leisurely taking their time. Photo: Jing

#### Intruders of Oz

The Scarecrow, Lion, Tin Man, and Dorothy stumble at the feet of the guards of Emerald City. It's up to Jonathan Canada, Briana Romeo, Farhad Baniani and Michaela Parker to let these friends in. Photo: Melody Chu

#### "Who Killed My Sister?"

The Wicked Witch of the West, Noelle Blanco, threatens the Good Witch, Sabrina Habel. Dorothy, played by Tawny Schrodetzki, cowers fearfully behind. Dorothy will need to face the Wicked Witch if she wants to see Kansas again. Photo: Lauren Stewart

#### **Here Comes the Munchkins**

The Iollipop girls, Tracy Lockwood, Liane Denyer, Kimberly Harrison, and Laura Bernardan, curiously step closer to the house that just crashed in the magical land of Oz. Little do they know that Dorothy is waking up inside. Photo: Lauren Stewart







#### Cast and Crew of The Wizard of Oz

Director: Linda Jackson-Whitmore
Aunt Em/1st Lady of OZ: Erica Sanborn
Uncle Henry/Comander of Emerald City: John Cheatham
Farm Hand/Underling/Drummer: Brain Estrada
Farmer's Wite: Meghann Bird
Dorothy: Towny Schrodetzki
Toto: Chewy Butier
Mrs. Guich/Wicked Witch of the West: Katrina Carlo and Noel Blanco
Professor Manvel/Wizard of Oz: Emanuel Silva
Huck/ The Scarecrow: Sean Stader
Hickory/ The Tin Man: Tim Gerber Jr.
Zeke/Cowardly Usin: Nothaniel Maggio
Cyclone: \*Dance Ensemble
Mayor of Munchkins: Ryan Miller
Munchkins: Louria Benardin, Louren Hodsdon, Lauren Mellow, Le

Munchkins: Laura Bernardin, Lauren Hodsdon, Lauren Mellow, LeeAnn Denyer, Kimberly Harrison, Kristen Osegueda, Natasha Bazely, Rochel Dearing, Tracy Lockwood

Glenda: Soblina Hobel

North Stars: Courtenay Cummings, Gina Pereiman, Rashell Johnson
Black Call Shodow: Lydai Nash

Crows: Gina Pereiman, Kafie Whitaker, Kimberly Harrison, Rashell Johnson.

Tracy Lockwood
Forest Dancers: \*Dance Ensemble
Poppy Dancers: \*Dance Ensemble
Guardians of the Gate: Briana Romero, Farhad Baniani, Jonathon

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Emerald City Ballet: "Dance Ensemble

Emerald City Army: Jennifer Albright, LeeAnn Denyer, Megan Denevan,

Meghann Bird, Nafasha Bazley, Sarah Jeremiah Wizard (Voice Over): Ray Spicer Winkles: Alexis Green, Beverly Koloko-Green, Birana Romero, Jacquelin Martinez, Jennifier Abzlight, Kistlen Powell, Megan Denevan, Meghann Bird, Nyssa Baca, Sarah Jeremiah

Mitterbug: "Dance Ensemble

Kling of the Winged Monkeys: Lorenzo Guerreto

Kling of the Winged Monkeys: Forhad Baniani, Kimberly Harrison, Kristen Osegueda,
Lehania McCay, Lauren Hodsdon, Jonathon Canada, Stephen Tarver,

Tiracy Lockwood

Alexis Majane, Amil Tregeaz, Brandle O'Neill, Gina

Itacy Lockwood

\*\*Pance Ensemble: Alexis Malone, Amil Tregear, Brandle O'Nelli, Gina

\*\*Pereiman. Candice Miller, Courtney Cummings, Dena Mintun, Jessica

\*\*Eugster, Katle-Affield, Monica Calaglovanni, Rashell Johnson, Sadiyah

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Assistants to the Director: Kevin Feliciano, Jacquelin Martinez, Jessica

Assistants to the Director; Kevin Feliciano, Jacquelin Martinez, Jessica Bury, Lauren Mellow
Stage Manager and Light Operator; Leonard Baxter
Deck Manager: Donna Androwsky
Prop Master: Ryan Miller
Assistant Prop; Lahaina McCoy and Rachel Ford
Assistant Prop; Lahaina McCoy and Rachel Ford
Audio Operator: David Minyen
Follow Spot Operator: James Day
Deck Crew: Chits Soloman, Josh Lawler, Megan Denevan, Mike Camahan,
Nicole VandenBurg, Rachel Wamack
Master Carpenters: Krista Phair, Sean Stader
Planist: Zechariah Feng
Obee Soloist: Kevin Foliciano
Set Constructions: Chits Solomon, David Minyen, Donna Androwsky, James
Day, Johnny Scott, Josh Lawler, Kristen Powell, Leonard Baxter, Megan
Denevan, Meghann Bird, Mike Camahan, Nicole VandenBurg, Rachel
Warmack, Nick Moore, Nyssa Boca, Rachel Ford. Ryan Miller, Sean Stader



# Over The Ra

Play that filled many with entertainment and memories By Lauren Stewart

a play special. There are lines to memorize, sets to build and paint, costumes to make, cues to learn... the list goes on.

Months before any of us actually see the play, the cast and crew are staying late after school and coming on weekends to rehearse. But of course they have their "fun moments" as well. Megan Denevan, sophomore, recalls a you-had-to-be-there memory:

"Josh [Lawler] was standing there and he was waving a piece of plexi glass and was like 'hey, this makes a cool sound!' and it snapped in half!"

her experiences of playing Glenda, the good witch by saying, "It was fun,

any hours of work goes into making I liked giving autographs because it was like Disneyland... you get to sit there and your dress poofs out and the little girls look up at you and say awww."

> For sophomore, Kristen Osegueda the best part of the play was, "The satisfaction at the end when you finally perform. I liked being with friends and every one grows really close as a

> To the cast and crew, the director, Ms. Jackson-Whitmore, would just like

"I want to thank you for taking Irvington and the community down the yellow brick road. I loved working with you. People came back to me and told me that it really brought Senior Sabrina Habel reflects on back a lot of memories, yet it was sophisticated enough to hold every one's attention."

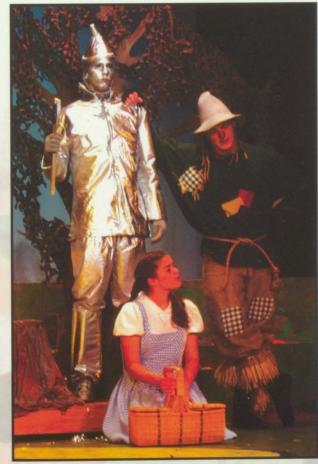


The audience usually only see what happens on stage and fail to recognize the hours of work and dedication that go into preparing a play.

"We usually work about 100 hours on a show after school. It's really fun. We don't get paid; we just enjoy doing it. Usually we have more fun behind the scenes then the actors do on stage."

> Sean Stader | 12 Head Tech







#### Meeting the Tin Man

Dorothy and the Scarecrow casually settle down with their picnic basket. Unknown to them, the Tin Man, played by Tim Gerber, was towering behind them. Photo: Lauren Stewart

#### **Standing Guard**

Keeping a good watch over Dorothy and her friends, Megan Denevan plays one of the many guards as the Wicked Witch of the West writes "Surrender Dorothy" in the sky. Can the great Wizard of Oz protect her from the witch? Photo: Melody Chu

#### When I Move, You Move

Thor Feet dancers Nicole Brooks and Jeffery Wright get into the groove during the winter rally. Their must-see performance was due to hours of great preparation. *Photo: Jennifer Hsu* 





At the winter ball, Owais Mahesri and Sonia Hingrajia slow dance to one of the many songs. "I enjoyed being with Owais and my friends before we went on winter break," said Sonia. Photo: Yvonne Fung

Winter Rally and Ball | December 12, 2003

# A Black and White Affair



# All About Othello

In the summer of 2003, the band Othello was formed by:

- Andrew (guitarist from WHS)
- Steve (drummer from WHS)
- Chad (bass player from IHS)
- Ben (guitarist from WHS)Justin (vocalist from WHS)
- Later they found Scott Holtog, (screamer from IHS). "We had a good time, and Andy Tran busted guerilla camera work that would

rock the heavens," says Scott.

The winter spirits light up the black night By Yvonne Fung

rvington's winter ball, A Black and White Affair, took place on December 12, 2003. Hours before the dance, the winter sports rally was held. It consisted of competitions, performances, awards, and even a song sung by the band, Othello. In chronological order, here were the events that took place:

- Sarah Chun sang the National Anthem.
- The Varsity Cheerleaders performed a dance with the song "Me Against the Music."
- The Class Competition took place where balls of paper were thrown into buckets.
- MVPs for fall sports were announced.
- Sports competition was held between all the winter sports. Athletes from soccer, wrestling, and basketball took wrapping paper and masking tape to wrap

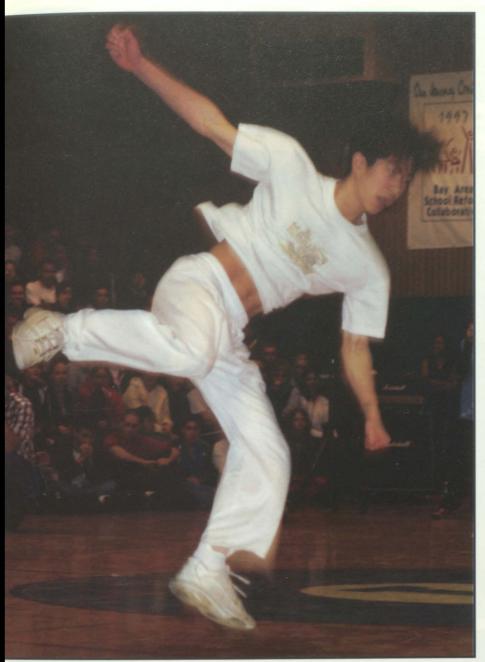
- some "presents". Soccer won the event. Selected Social Dance 2 members, also known as the Thor Feet, performed their dance.
- Three freshman, Greg Jeong, John Kuan, and Gary Ip did some martial arts tricks.
- Jhalisa Walker and Tricey Russell a rendition of the Christmas song, "All I Want for Christmas."
- The band, Othello, sang their song, "Spell it Out," to end the last rally of 2003.
- ASB members stayed after school to clean up after the rally as well as set up for winter ball.
- At 7:00 PM that same day, Irvington opened its gates for the eager students and they danced the night away. Posters of movies with Audrey Hepburn, Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy and others filled the walls of the gym. Looking up you could the jumbo screen playing the Christmas classic, "Its a Wonderful Life."



Sarah Chun | 12

"I've been wanting to sing in front of a huge crowd ever since I was little. Turns out I finally got what I wanted and it was an experience that was greater than I expected."





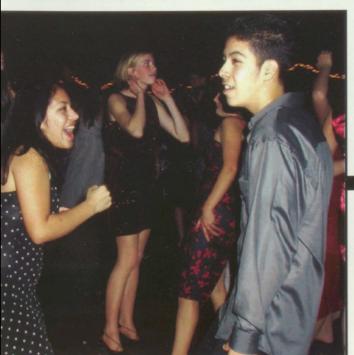
#### Twirling in the Air

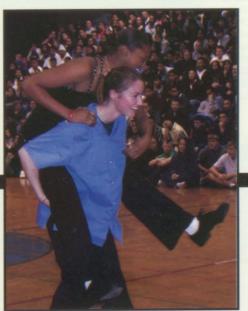
During the winter rally, Gary Ip shows everyone his martial arts tricks in the gym. "After some last minute changes and motivation from the crowd, we gave the best performance we could," Gary says. Photo: Jennifer Hsu

#### In the Holiday Spirit

For the sports competition, Patrick Allan from the wrestling team decorates science teacher Mr. Josh Hill with wrapping paper. "I think we lost because girls can wrap better," Patrick says about the contest. Photo: Yvonne Fung







#### **Hey! Right Here**

Sophomores Jasmine Cancino and Jose Ramirez dance at the Winter Ball. Winter Ball is the most formal dance besides Junior Prom and Senior Ball; it gave students a good reason to dress up. *Photo: Yvonne Fung* 

#### The End!

Thor Feet performers Sekia Willis and Ami Tregear finish their dance with style. They are two dedicated dancers from Social Dance 2. Photo: Manika Casterline



Kabobs & Bread



Samosa

Cookies

GSA



Indo Pak Club





Croissant French Club MSA





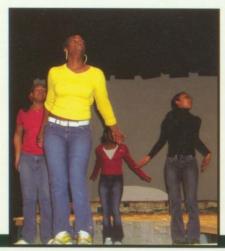






### Flowing With Red Swishing their red skirts, Latina dancing group SALSA performs their Mexican dance on Wednesday during lunch in the courtyard. The red dresses are the traditional formal dress of Mexico. Photo: Erin Pangilinan Stepping To A Beat

Keeping the rhythm alive, the BSU step team rocks the Valhalla stage. As the dancers chant, the crowd oohs and aahs. Photo: Jennifer Hsu



### Chili Anyone?

Many people believe the best part of Multicultural Week is the food; Irvington Publications sold chili on Friday to support their printing bills. As Melody Chu and Jing Yee spoon out bowls full of chili, Ashish Agrawal pigs out on the Krispy Kreme doughnuts. "We had to go to Costco and buy 6 giant cans of chili," says Melody. "I love Costco. It's the perfect place for a date." Photo: Nisat Chowdhury



#### Jennifer Iso | 12

"I really enjoyed sharing my culture with everyone. There aren't a lot of Japanese people at Irvington, so I felt it was a good thing to represent them.







Rasmalai Indo Pak Club



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Mullticultural Week | February 23rd - February 27th

Embracing diversity during Multicultural Week By Erin Pangilinan

uring Multicultural Week, students salsa dance on Thursday. tasted food from other lands, watched traditional dances, and learned about other cultures with academic workshops.

The courtyard was decorated with messages and posters with phrases to accept diversity. One quoted Jimmy Carter, who said, "We have become not a melting pot, but a beautiful mosaic, different people, different beliefs, different vearnings, different hopes, different dreams." These quotes were meant to help remind students that people are more alike than different.

Various dances were performed during lunch: SALSA's Mexican dance on Tuesday, Indo-Pak's Indian dance on Wednesday, along with Mr. Ballado and Ms. Cook's combined classes' modern

Students enjoyed eating tasty club food. French Club advisor Ms. Vardhan said, "Everyone's smiling! I enjoy seeing an international perspective this week." Asian Club member Christine Zhu, who sold fried rice, commented on spreading culture. "Being involved with Multicultural week for the first time as a freshmen is fun because a lot of people who I didn't expect to enjoy our food liked it," she said.

Award-winning foreign films were shown in Valhalla during block periods on Wednesday and Thursday. Some include Life is Beautiful from Italy, Bollywood Hollywood from India, and Bend It Like Beckham.

The Fashion Show on Tuesday and Wednesday in Valhalla showcased traditional clothing from various countries including China, Japan, India, the Philippines, and Libya.



**Reggae Drumline Lunch Performance** 

#### Monday

Ethnic Diversity Workshop

#### **Tuesday**

International Journeys and Business Workshop

#### Wednesday

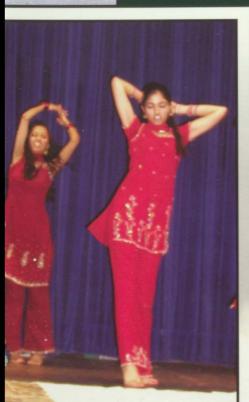
Drumline Performance Hero (China) shown

#### Thursday

World War II Workshop "Chicana Her Story" Workshop

#### Friday

Yoga Workshop





#### **Hands Together**

Elegantly swaying, Indo-Pak members Shreya Oswal, Ketakee Kane, and Ms. Sulakshna Anand wow the crowd with their traditional dance in Valhalla at lunch. This part of the traditional dance is an icon in the Indian culture. Photo: Jennifer Hsu

As ASB members Grace Jeong and Snow Feng waits to pass more pie to the pie eating contest contestants, Jeffery Wright pauses for a second to swollow what he already has in his mouth. In the end, the winner was Keoki Kalawaia, who finished three pies and won the prize: more pies. Photo: Nisat Chowdury



#### Faisal Uraizee | 10

'Multicultural Week is an opportunity that allows others to educate themselves about the various types of customs, ethnicities, religions, in our

# Overtime in the Cla



#### **Doing Their Share**

"We chose pollution because we figured that the San Francisco Bay had a little too much; we figured we might as well clean up the bay and help the community. [I worked with] Jessica Bank and Clayton Whitakker; we went to pick up trash from the shore. It was like a bunch of different trash like oil spills and a lot of trash. We had a contact with a lifeguard and he helped us with the idea. I had a lot of fun doing it - we joke around and everything.

- Brian Hartigan | 9

or the 2003-2004 school year, a new **Amy Dave:** The funniest thing that tutorial system called Advisory was implemented. Everyday between second and third period, students would report to their advisory teacher for bookworm, while on Wednesdays and Thursdays, students could go to a certain class for tutorial. As a result, many students got a chance to meet people they wouldn't have met otherwise.

Ms. McAuley worked with ASB in order to designate a day for the students in her class to make gingerbread houses. Looking at the day filled with excitement she reflects, "Advisory is a good way for the students to have fun and meet new people as well as retrieve help."

- happened in my advisory was when Gauri Sharma's CD player wasn't working and she thought she was deaf all of a
- Atif Kamran: I got back from my representative assembly and I saw Mr. Sanford working. I said, "I'm back Mr. Sanford." and he said nothing...so I assumed he was angry. A minute later, I heard loud snores circulating throughout the room. I looked up and Mr. Sanford had fallen asleep grading papers with his pen still in his hand.
- Anthony Tadina: Toni Leggett marked Ms. Vila's butt with a marker accidently. Toni: Ms Vila, I marked your butt with a marker.

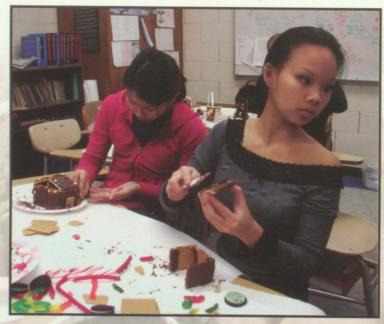
Ms. Vila: What?

Toni: Don't worry, it's really small.

Ms. Vila: Okay, good. As long as you didn't write 'big butt' then it's okay.

Pass the candies, Please!

Looking at what else she could add to her house, Angela Bui gazes around the classroom for more goodies. Next to her, Jane Yi works diligently in order to beat her good friend Angie.



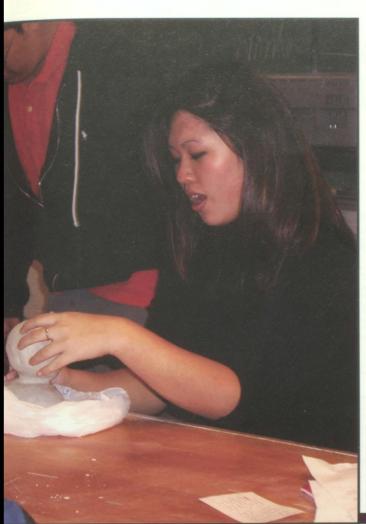


Tzu Chi | 10

"I really like Advisory because we can do homework and have some time to ourselves. We are able to express who we are while doing fun activities"







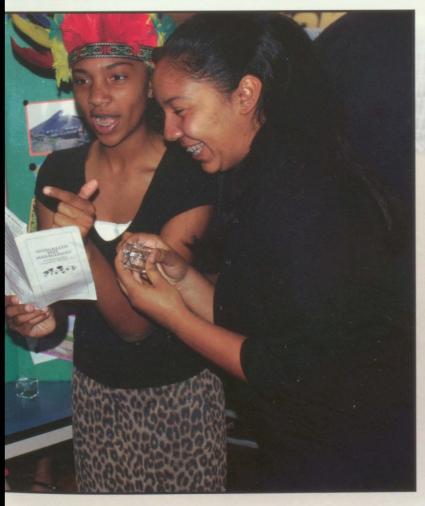
#### **Finishing Touches**

Adding final few bits of her sculpture, Diane Nguyen works to complete before the bell during advisory. "It just me, this sculpture, and the bell!!" says Diane. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

#### About Turkmenistan...

UN is something that all sophomores have to go through, and the students who make the best of it usually find that it is quite worthwhile. "It was a real nice opportunity to be able to share with other people my country's viewpoint on child labor," says Rochelle Lozano as she reflects upon her UN presentation. Photo: Melody Chu







#### Getting some extra help

Witting essays all day, Samihah Azim takes a break to ask her advisory teacher for help. "I like to be able to have another elder person look over my work other than my own teacher who know my style" says Samihah with a bright smile. Photo: Melody Chu

#### **Extra Practice**

On April 22nd, the freshman class was gathered in the gym to present to parents and friends their CHANGE projects. Lindsay Flores, Erica Fitzgerald, and Erica Buterland reviews their presentation. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

#### **Drumline** is Irresistable

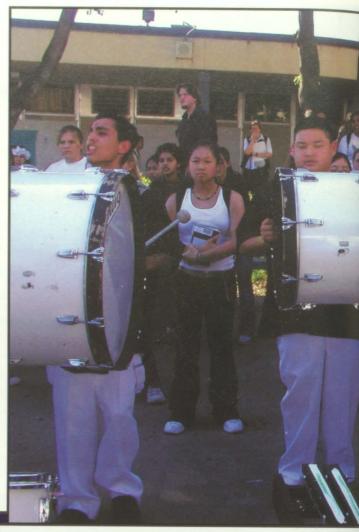
A large crowd in the courtyard gathers around A.J. Patel and Niko Huynh to watch the drumline perform. Rally time ran out, so drumline takes the court and still manages to attract people. Photo: Melody Chu

#### A Point For Me!

During the "Guess the Themesong" game, Alex Smith scores a point for the guys. He walks off victorious as Ms. Julie Myers announces the winner.

Photo: Jing Yee





#### Can I Get You Something?

The dance is halted for Mary Flinstone, aka Jennifer Chan, as she retrieves something from her purse. Husband Fred, or Andrew Ton, and friends Joey Peng and Fanny Chan continue to enjoy the music. Photo: Melody Chu



#### Lydia Yang | 12

"My friends were already dressing up as Street Fighters, and Curtis Takeda, my date, already chose Tuxedo Mask. I couldn't be Sailor Moon because she's blonde, so I decided to be Sailor Mars."



#### Joseph Carrethers | 9

"If you can sing the national anthem then you can sing any song because it is a really difficult song,"



#### **Oreo Kisses**

During the jaw dropping [literally] Oreo game, Krendra Sakuda and Ami Patel hold up the plexiglass for Katie Schall and Chris Randolph. The two representatives attempt to peel off their respective Oreos off the glass.

Photo: Jennifer Yu



# When Boys Strike Back

When boys and girls get together and ... FIGHT! By Jing Yee

It is a time when girls must muster their courage and face the difficult task ahead. It is a time when black lights shine and if you are wearing a white or neon color, you glow purple or your respective highlighter color. It is a time when each gender teams up and battles it out.

The games were definitely interesting this year. One game that was particularily memorable is the Oreo game. Basically, imagine yourself on one side of a piece of plexiglass, trying to eat an Oreo off of it. Not hard, right? Think again. Your opponent, the opposite gender, will be on the other side of the clear plexiglass, trying to eat an Oreo off of it. It renders some horrifying thoughts, doesn't it?

Rarely are there such events without an accompanying rally. This year's rally once again treated us to some amazing sights - purple dancers, purple Hawaiian dancers,

purple cheerleaders, the list goes on. I think there comes a point when after four years of seeing one day full of purple, because I always attend the rally and dance like a faithful Viking, you get sort of frightened.

It all ended with the dance with theme Morp Speed. This is the casual dance of the year where you should have a date, but not having a date doesn't make you any less cool. If you have a date, you can get creative and dress up in some sort of theme. This year, we were visited by the likes of Ash Ketchum and Misty from Pokemon, Fred and Mary Flinstone from The Flinstones, and The Mario Brothers from, well, The Mario Brothers. Other people toyed with white clothing and wore things like white headbands, white tank tops, or white socks. Some decided to play rebel and opted for darker clothing.

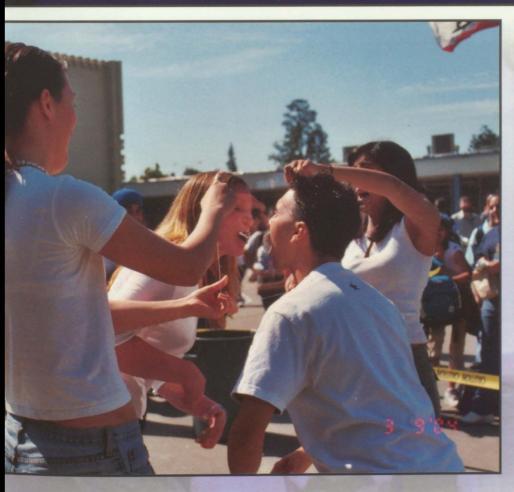
Of course, nobody can completely run away from the light, because your teeth will always shine when you leave your mouth half open.

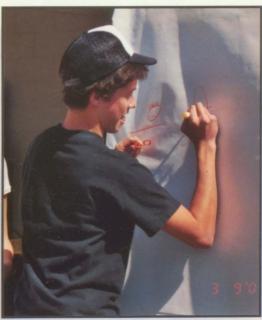


#### **One Fallen Hero**

"Kendra Sakuda forced me to play the theme song game. Although I didn't want to play, I tried my hardest for my girls. I knew one of the answers was "Frasier" because my dad watches it constantly. During the game, I ran to the center of the gym in an attempt to beat the boys, but the boys pushed me down. I sacrificed my body in order to win and fell. Afterwards I felt embarrassed, but I am proud we won."

Vanessa Peters | 11





### Picture that! Pictionary reaches an all time

popularity with high school students as it is used during Monday's activity. Brandon Martin takes the stand as he plays a part of the boys' victory. *Photo: Jennifer Yu* 

# Once On This Is



### Papa Ge

The God of Death

previous musicals, my roles stood out for singing more than acting. I played Teen Angel and a Greaser in Grease, and the leading role, Harold Hill in The Music Man. It was different playing a smaller role. Singing comes more naturally for me. But, I had fun playing this part because I had the chance to play around with acting because Papa Ge was a mischievous character."

Kyle Padilla | 11

Islanders dance to the Caribbean beat By Erin Pangilinan

nce On This Island proved to be an entertaining musical that showcased its talented soloists. The story **8:45** - Christina changed into a silver was reminiscent of The Little Mermaid, a story about the division of class and lovers who were two worlds apart. One person who experienced severe time constraints due to multiple activities was a dedicated extra, Christina Fan.

- 5:30 Christina arrived at rehearsal.
- 7:25 As a part of the tradition, the pep talk before the show pumped everyone up. Then everyone screamed all their nervous energy out and went backstage.
- 7:30 The show opened with the ensemble number, "We Dance."
- 7:55 With inspired choreography, Christina held candles in the isles of Valhalla for the rhythmic reggae song, "Pray." On the drums, pit member Don Nurge banged away.
- 8:25 Christina and Lauren changed into their "breeze" costumes. Carolyn,

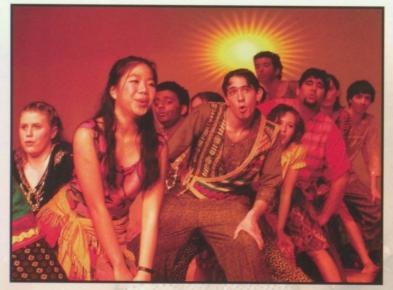
Kimberly, Brian, Scott, Chris, and Jeremy changed into their animal costumes for "Mama Will Provide."

- sequined dress and pink scarf to prepare for her part in The Heart Beats' dance to the romantic song "The Human Heart."
- 9:30 Closing the play, the ensemble explained "Why We Tell The Story."
- 10:00 The cast dressed into their street clothes and helped clean up the dressing rooms.

Not only do leading roles need to practice their lines, songs, and choreography, extras do as well. Something that usually goes unnoticed is the time spent on every detail in set design, costume, hand movement, and notes. But after watching the show, you'll find that it changes your perspective on the professionalism it takes to bring a Broadway-like show to high school. It will not only make you appreciate IHS's performing arts magnet, but prompt you to pray for more from the gods.

#### **Waiting for Life**

Singing "Waiting for Life," Lauren Mello, Christina Fan, Jeremy Mallard, Ankur Shah, Mindy Lindsay, Atif Kamran, Steven Tarver dance in a uniquely choreographed line. The choreographer, Alicia Trujillo, also choreographed at IHS two ears ago with Grease. Photo: Erin Pangilinan



Sean Stader | 12

"Designing the set is like playing God, I make the world that the actors and dancers perform on. The actors and dancers are my ants.

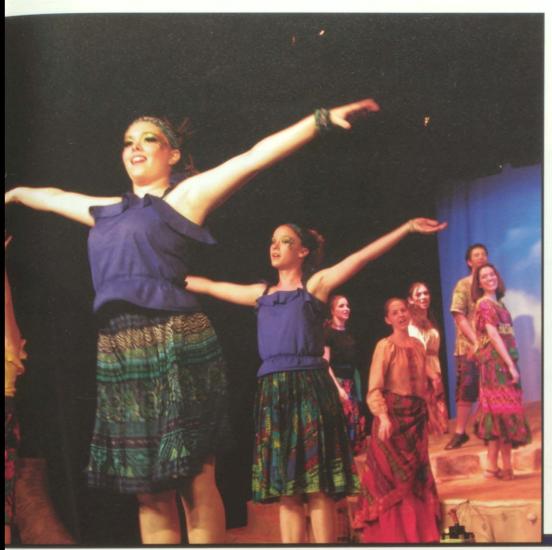


#### The Gods Cry

As sad gods and goddesses, Krishelle Torres, Austin Taylor, Kyle Padilla, and Vanessa Simmons sing Ti Moune, played by Hillary Hodson to her endless slumber. This song, "A Part of Us," is the islanders' good-bye to Ti Moune. Photo: Erin Pangilinan





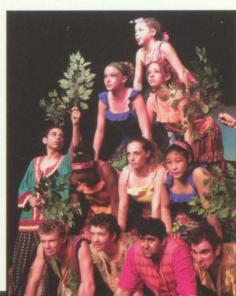


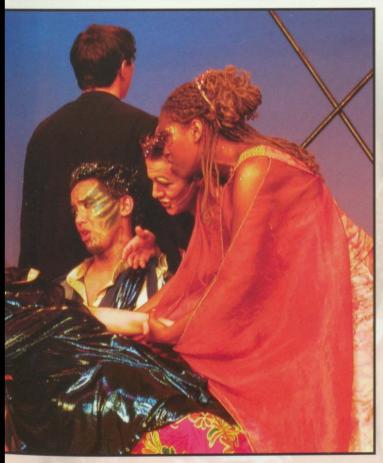
#### We Dance!

Island dancers Rashell Johnson and Samantha Hebison spread their arms to the opening scene. The islanders dance to the gods as they pray. Photo: Erin Pangilinan

#### The Tree, Ti Moune

Young Ti Moune, played by Shelby Medieros and others, represent Ti Moune as a tree. She is reincarnated and watches over Daniel and his sons as they grow up by the gate of the Beauxhomme estate. Photo: Jessica Chen

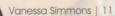






#### **An Unlikely Couple**

The poor Ti Moune, played by Hillary Hodson, and the rich Daniel Beauxhomme, played by Evan Boomer, sing the sweet ballad "Forever Yours." The plot told of a forbidden romance between two people separated by class. Photo: Erin Pangilinan



"Singing is my passion, and I've learned to love acting as well. I'm so proud to have this cast be a part of my debut show."

As Close as they can be

Gathering in \*front of Nisha Jassel's house. Jessica Yang, Hazel Languardia Krystal Lee, Mellissa Siew, and Nisha joke around before going to dinner. "We spent a lot of time waiting for our ride outside, and a bunch of random people wanted to take pictures of us," says Jessica. "It was really cold outside." Photo: Courtasy of Jessica Yang

Junior Prom | April 5, 2004

# Ever After A Fairy



### **Enjoying The Night**

"All the guys met at one guy's house and all the girls met at one girl's house. Once the guys arrived, we exchanged corsages and took pictures. I spent a lot of time with my date, but all of our friends were there together. I had a good time. We ate dinner at Pasta Pompadoro. I guess what made it extra special was that I was with the person that I really wanted to go with - and I knew I'd have fun with him."

- Michelle Clegg

unior Prom is a night of romance, and then spiked the edges. Then I had my dancing, and plain old fun after a tough academic year. The theme this year was Ever After. Here, Bruna Pantoja relates her account of the day and night's events.

SAGA: How did you start out your day?

My friends and I decided to work out at 6:30 in the morning at 24 Hour Fitness, but my friends didn't have membership, so we ended up at Starbucks. Starbucks was really cool; we just chilled for 3 hours before the rush of the rest of the day. Afterwards, my friend and I stopped by the mall because she still needed a purse, but it was so early that the mall hadn't opened yet. We ended up waiting for a while before finishing our last minute shopping.

#### SAGA: How did you get ready?

I had a hair appointment at 1:00. I really liked my hair because they did twisties

manicure and pedicure appointment. We ended up running really late; my friend put on her make-up in the car because her date had already reached her house while she was at the mall. Next year, for Senior Ball, I will make sure I don't procrastinate. Anyway, we were running so late that we missed our dinner reservation and ended up not eating dinner. As soon as we left my house, my date said, "Oh crap! I need to fill up gas!" That was pretty funny, although getting lost for 20 minutes wasn't so fun.

#### SAGA: How was the actual prom?

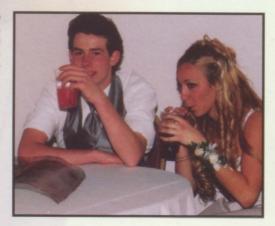
I really liked the place (Capital Club in San Jose). I liked how they had tables on the sides and a couch outside. The bar/drinks thing was pretty cool too. The DJ was awesome; he played some songs I'd never heard before, but overall, he was decent. The whole point of prom was having fun with my friends, and I definitely had fun with them. I'll remember it forever.

#### As Close as they can be

Enjoying the moment, Jake Scallan and Rachel Wallace take a break and sit on the couch as close as they can be. " Photo: Courtesy of Prestige

#### **Taking a Minute to Relax**

Taking a break from dancing, Mark Loweswick and Sarah Castellano relax with some punch during Junior Prom. Save some energy for the rest of the night! Photo: Courtesy of Prestige





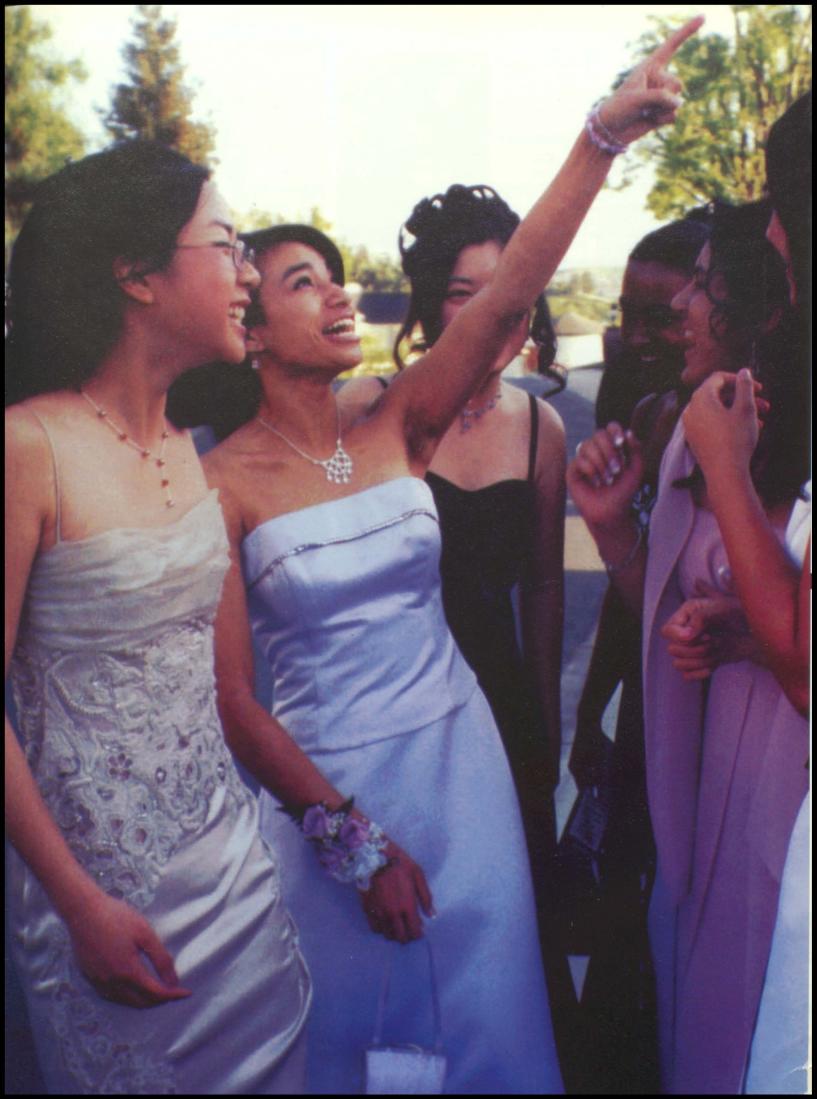


Elisa Miranda | 11

Prom was a lot of fun. It's someting I won't forget because it was a time with friends.



Student Life



#### A Stop at the Bar

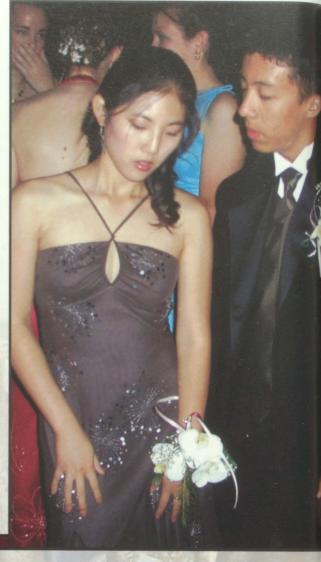
Taking a break from dancing, Mikey Christensen stops at the bar with his date, Jessica Orozco. "The chocolate strawberries were good," says Mikey. "So were the maraschino cherries." Photo: Teri Hu

**What Are These Funny Sticks For?** 

As a Nijo Castle chef pours more sesame sauce, Chris Johnson, Roma Parekh and Priyal Sheth work on their salads. Priyal notes, "The food looked pretty good, it's too bad I couldn't enjoy it because I'm vegetarian." Photo: Melody Chu







rvington suffered a tragic loss on May 8th, 2004. Cody Ledo, the cartoonist for the VOICE, passed away early Saturday morning in a drunk driving accident. Cody, who was sitting in the passenger seat, was the only person injured.

Friends and family gathered at the accident site and at Cody's house throughout the following week to remember

him. Julio Barreto organized a candlelight vigil Monday will mend hurt when it comes evening in honor of his friend. from deep inside of you. He had this to say:

with your loved ones, because someday that person will not they're not going to be around be there again. Give time forever. Remember, say a kind for love, give time to speak, word to someone who looks and give time to share the up to you in awe, because precious thoughts in your that little person will soon mind. Life is not measured grow up and leave your side. by the breaths you take, but Remember, hug the one next by the moments when your to you because that is the only breath is taken away. true treasure you can give that won't cost a cent. Remember youthful soul rest in peace, to say "I love you" to your loved you will never be forgotten in ones, but most of all, mean it.

A kiss and an embrace Remember to hold hands "Remember, spend time and cherish the moment, for

To Cody Ledo, may your our hearts."

Tragic lesson hits home the night before Senior Ball

**Cody Ledo** September 23, 1987-May 8, 2004





#### Save the Last Dance

Starting to dance as soon as they reached the floor, Ariane Wu and Scott Miller never left each other's side. "Dancing with Ariane was the best part of senior ball," says Scott. Photo: Melody Chu

Senior Ball | May 8th

## ight to Re

Dispite the mishaps, prom was still unforgettable By Nisha Desai ot being a fan of dressing up on a regular basis or putting on make-up for anything, prom was a new experience for me.

My friend Melody and I spent most of the day together, getting ready for the night ahead with a game of bowling, and Melody's delayed nail appointment. The girls in our group started to run late, especially Roma, who runs on Indian Standard Time anyway, but we managed to cut the photo-paparazzi session in half to run out of Roma's house and into our limo.

As soon as we got into the limo, I asked my date, Ashish, if he remembered to bring a deck of cards. He said no; he thought I was bringing them. As a result, we actually ended up dancing at

When we reached the site of prom,

we saw a guy trying to pry open the elevator doors. Apparently, some people were stuck inside. Anyway, for those who could get upstairs, chocolate-covered strawberries, fruit, small desserts, and a pretty cool bar filled whatever room was left in our stomachs after dinner.

The DJ played "Hey Ya" by Outkast, bringing back fond memories of homecoming. Most people were confused by the DJ's last song, "Burn" by Usher, which was a breakup song. However, the music was good, and like any other prom, evervone danced the night away. Or, in my case, spent the night trying to find a lost coat in the coat check room.

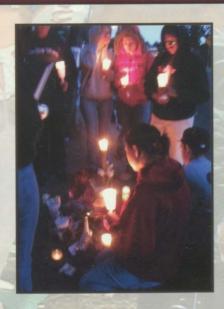
Prom was a bittersweet event; I learned about Cody Ledo's death at the end of prom. However, as a girl who never thought she could have fun at a dance. I had the best time of my life. The theme, Remember Me This Way, could not be more appropriate.



#### HeartBROKEN Elevator

"I was supervising the elevator and was only supposed to let 8 kids in at a time, but I let in 10 kids in since we were well under the 2300lb capacity. The elevator suddenly stopped, and I had to climb up and manually unlatch the door from inside. At that moment, the fireman opened the door and it slit my foot. I was sent to the emergency room and had to get 12 stitches. I was a hero that night."

- Ms. Tiffany Russow







"He was a character, but he had a good heart."

The Game Is On

At the beginning, all players have to put their guns on their cone before the 20 second start. Kurt Roe and Chris Roe are getting ready to start a game at the Sierra Super Series. *Photo: Daniel Yamagami* 

Paintball | Any Time You Want

## **Not Just A Game**

Irvington's paintball players talk about their sport

By Jennifer Hsu

Paintball - the ultimate sport. OK, fine, maybe not ultimate one...but to these four Irvington guys it is not only a sport or a hobby - it is a passion. Chris Roe and Casey Blair share their experiences of being part of a paintball team that includes two other Irvington students, Brandon Bui and Kurt Roe.

## SAGA: How did you guys first get into playing paintball?

Roe: Four years ago, one of my dad's friends bought up a paintball gun because we have a ranch property... so once a month we just started going out to fields. About a year ago, we decided we should start a team and play in tournaments. We got sponsored by Operation Paintball and Paintball Junkies; they sponsored us with the gear and we joined a tournament series, the Sierra Superball Series. We finished the season in first place- for our first actual tournament season, it was something to be proud of.

#### SAGA: What's happening recently?

**Roe:** So far this season, our team won first place last weekend and we have our next tournament May 15th. Our coaches are novice national professional league players. They coach us on weekdays and we practice on Wednesdays and Sundays.

## SAGA: How did you find your sponsors?

**Roe:** Our first sponsor were the guys who wanted to help us start up and play. We practiced with them - they were a pro team. They said we had a lot of potential and that they would sponsor us with equipment if we wanted to play. The other we found online; they said they would sponsor us for a year: Pants, jerseys,

gloves, our slam packs.

## SAGA: How do you get in tournaments?

**Roe:** Right now we're in the process of getting a full sponsorship because of our first place standing. We spend the most money on paint and entrance fees. If we stay with the Paintball Junkies for three years, they pay for everything -they'll pay for paint and admission.

### SAGA What's your favorite Paintball moment?

Blair: Just the adrenaline rush.

**Roe:** My favorite moment is when you're in a tournament, you take the opponent's flag and you hang on their cone. It's 20 points to pull a flag, 50 points to hang a flag; and when you hang a flag, it's game. Plus it's 5 points for every person you kill.

#### SAGA: What's considered a kill?

Blair: When you get a paint splatter. There are refs on the field, and they'll check you if you're hit, and if you're hit they'll pull you off the field.

**Roe:** Yeah, any paint splatter bigger than a US quarter.

#### SAGA: What are the costs of paintball?

Roe: It's very expensive. My gun alone was 1500, and I have two of them. Paint is really expensive... paint can go in the range from 50-80 dollars. We get 2000 paintballs for 25 dollars from our sponsors, but we use the 2000 up really quickly through practice. I can shoot 13 balls a second, my captain's gun can shoot 17.

**Blair:** It's known as BPS - balls per second.

## SAGA: How is paintball compared to other sports?

Roe: I tried many other sports, but paintball was the one I fell in love with from day one. The best part about being on a team is being able to work with a bunch of guys you love and being able to go out and just put the smack down on the opposing team.

**Blair:** Paintball is more of a mental sport, every time I play, it just clears my head. It's a bonding experience, and you get to make more friends.

Roe: After a while, it becomes like a cheating game... You have to not let the refs see you when you get hit. The series we're doing now is called X-Ball, coaches on the sidelines pull and put in players, they tell you what to do and there is a penalty box. It's more like an actual sport. You want to move as fast as you can. We have 11 players and we only play 5 at a time. 2 minutes at a time.

SAGA: How long does one game last?
Roe: About an hour.

SAGA: How many tournaments have you guys competed in so far?

Roe: Our team has competed in five, and we've competed in three of them.

#### SAGA: Ever had an accident?

**Blair:** I was wearing shoes and I was making a turn and I fell in the mud and I got mud all over.

Roe: Our sponsors make special paintball shoes... I've never had a real accident while playing, I fall and slip and get banged up but never a real accident.

### SAGA: What do you guys do as a team?

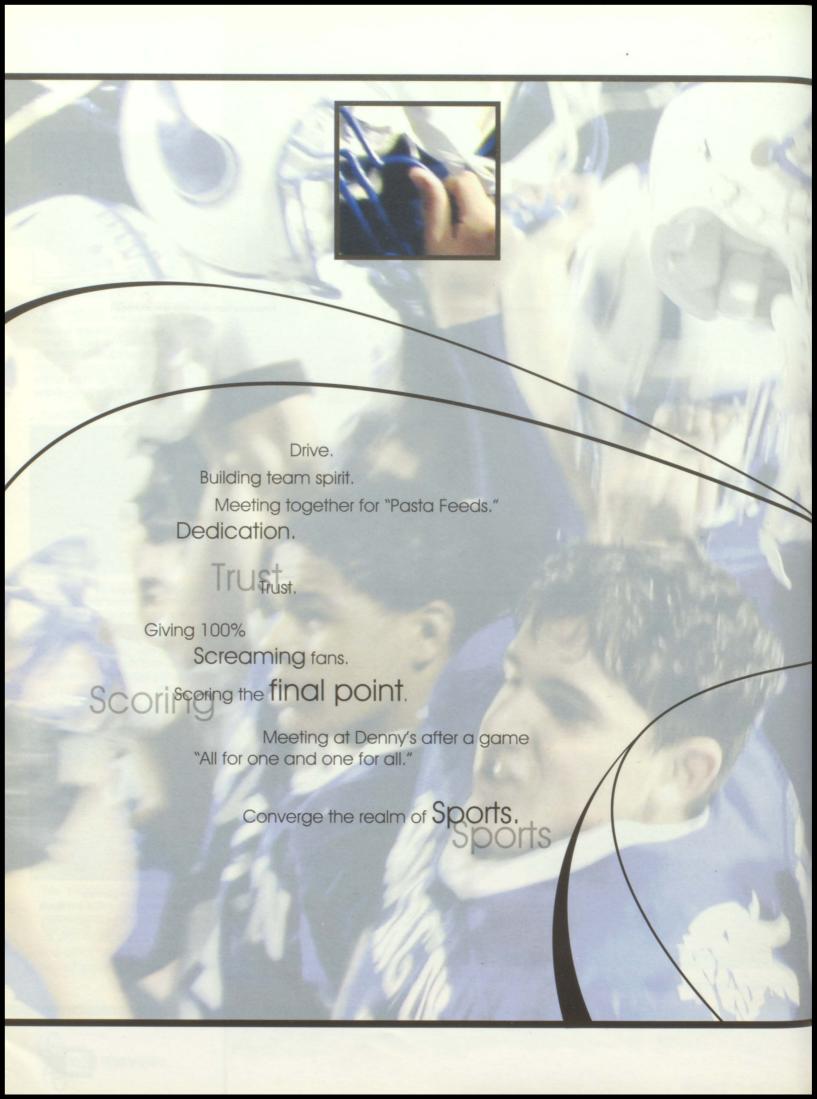
**Roe:** It's kind of a bonding thing, we used to get together on Wednesday nights. Our spot to meet was Round Table Pizza. We would go over the money for paint, how we would split the paint, tournament schedules, what we needed to work on as a team...

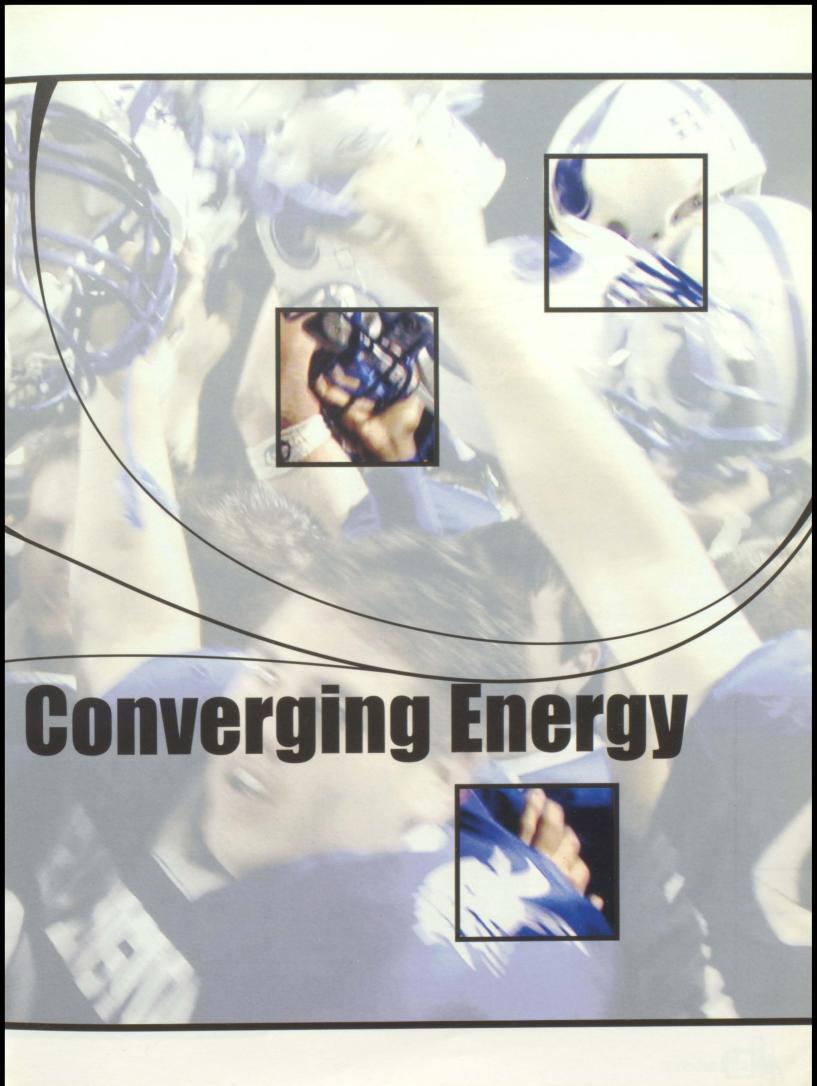
#### SAGA: Were there any conflicts?

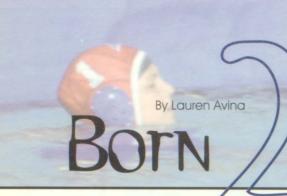
**Blair:** There are always going to be conflicts between any team...

**Roe:** It's always an individual thing but we always got over it.









## Collide



The season of

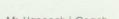
This was the season of new beginnings, with two new coaches and a host of freshmen with many new faces - which meant a huge transition for the water polo teams.

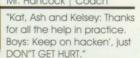
We had fun, but learning the sport came first. Coaches Jeff Hancock and Shane Henderson had the task of teaching many new players. The few returning water polo players were put into unique positions of being mentors, motivators, and seasoned veterans.

The one thing that can't be denied is how our team came to play. As important as winning is, this team was all about trying our best and supporting each team member.

The girls team had the determination to be successful, and they were. This was evident by being invited to play in the MVAL tournament. The force that lead them to this point was the team spirit for one another and never ending

Receiving a Pass
Ashley Kendall sets the ball for a play,
which ended up as a score for the
Vikings against Newark Memorial.
Photo: Christy Humphreys





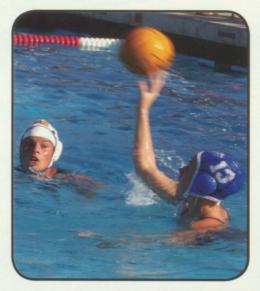
#### new beginnings

desire to be successful. As the season progressed, so did the level of intensity. Next years team will be young but experienced and talented. "Look out MVAL!"

Jacob Twohig said it best, "We were a young team. Throughout the season we worked our hardest and came together in the end." The boys team did not have their best season, but this team was all about heart and spirit for one another. The newest members of this year's team learned what it takes to be competitive players.

By seasons end, our teams were playing with confidence and attitude. Go Vikings!

On a personal note, these last four seasons as a member of the water polo team have been the most memorable and enjoyable. I will be leaving with many memories of fun times, practical jokes, and some serious moments in the heat of battle (water polo games). I loved every moment of it.



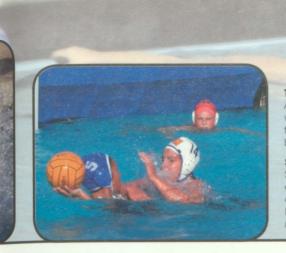
Time to Charge
As the rest for the players set up, Kelsey
Roldan looks for an open player to

pass to. Photo: Christy Humphreys









#### The Great Defender

As the opposing team American went for a shot, Matt Skelton shuts them down with an outstanding block. *Photo: Christy Humphreys* 

#### Setting it up

Setting the ball, Stephanie Tsuyemura sets up for a play, resulting as a score for the Vikings against Newark Memorial. *Photo: Christy Humphreys* 

#### Girls

Newark (L) 3-12 Newark (L) 10-11 Mission (W) 5-2 Mission (L) 9-10 American (W) 15-5 American (W) 17-8 Logan (W) 9-8 Logan (W) 10-9 Washington (L) 5-14 Washington (L) 7-15

#### Boys

Logan (L) 2-13 Logan (L) 8-13 Mission (L) 7-11 Mission (W) 16-3 Newark (L) 10-12 Newark (L) 3-16 American (W) 16-10 American (W) 21-12 Washington (L) 8-21 Washington (L) 15-17



The American Player tries to stop Matt Vanderwerken from getting to close to the goal. However his attempt failed when Matt managed to score. *Photo: Melody Chu* 



#### WATERPOLO 2003-2004

First Row: Kavya Rao, Lindsey Flores, Kelsey Roldan, Ashley Kendal, Kat Ashley, Lauren Avina, Stephanie Tsuyemura, Quiana Thompson Second Row: Peter Liu, Jinnelle Little, Bethie Koenig, Kelsey St. Mare, Joel Starkey, D.J. Giguere, Katy Holtog, Alicia Starkey, Amy Loulien, Jacob Tuohig Back Row: Coach Jeff Hancock, Matt Van Derweken, Charles Garvin, Clayton Massey, Andrew Liu, Nate Berge, Mark Abubekerov, Matt Skelton, James Grant, Danny DeGregorio, Coach Shane Henderson Photo: NW Photography Inc.





#### **Half Time**

During half time, the Lady Vikes take a breather and discuss the play that will win them to victory. *Photo: Christy Humphreys* 

> Captain Kelsey Roldan | 12 Captain Matt Van Derwerken | 12

"This season was a new experience. Although we didn't have the best record, it's a season we'll never forget."



# Live Strike By Team Captains Derek Hallet & Kevin Patrick Strike

ootball, to some it's a way of life, a great way to stay in shape, a new experience in a sport, or an outright chance to go crush and hurt some kid you don't know and not have to worry about getting in trouble for it.

This year's team was not judged by the wins and losses, or how many people showed up for the games, but by the heart we showed in situations where the odds weren't in the Vikings favor.

The toughest competition was Kennedy - in the hearts of many players, Irvington's team would've been undefeated... until people "dropped like flies." Throughout practice and games people got injured, such as a torn ACL, ankle injuries, cheap shots to the back, torn shoulder ligaments, broken toes, and a torn groin. However

this didn't stop the team's motivation.

Winning the homecoming game was really important to the team, and we looked flawless doing it; taking out the uphill rivals in a commanding way. Jerome Smith had 125 yards rushing on 24 carries, defense shut down leagues number 1 quarterback to two completions, and we basically bullied the team the whole game.

However on top of all the troubles the team had faced through the season, the death of a team mate was the hardest to overcome. The death of teammate Robbie Babcock was not only a catastrophe in the hearts of the IHS family but a reminder to all to cherish life.

A bad football season is trivial compared to real life that we will face.

The football season of 2003-04 has taught us more about life than we would have ever guess, and because of it we will always be family.



#### Gettin' Muddy

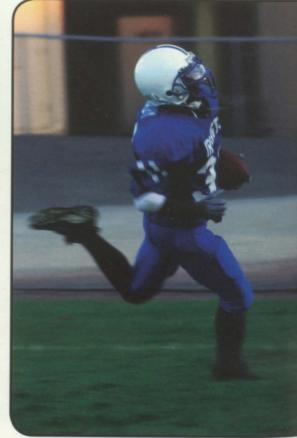
During the last football game for the seniors at TAK stadium, Jason Cain is helping out Tom Beccera defend against the American eagles so they don't get a touch down. Photo: Tyler Underwood

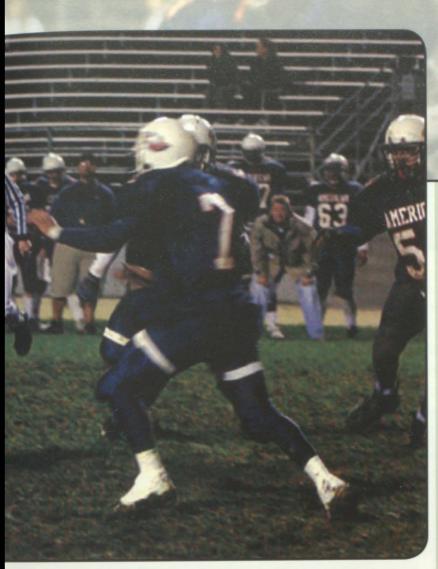
#### TOUCHDOWN!

Running into the end zone, Steven Swaby just scored another touchdown For the Irvington Vikings. *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 



Varsity	Junior Varsity	Frosh/Soph
Kennedy (L) 14-50 Newark (L) 35-21 Mission (W) 43-15 Washington (L) 26-37 Logan (L) 21-7	Kennedy (W) Newark (L) Mission (W) Washington (L) Logan (L)	Kennedy (W) 41-8 Newark (L) 0-38 Mission (W) 6-46 Washington (L) 22-32 American (W) 51-14







At a home game, Robert Turbin runs for the end zone, and jerks to the side to dodge an American player. Which he is successful in doing so. Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Blitz'

As the American defense tires to tackle the quaterback, Derek Hallet, he attempts to avoid them by running towards the sideline. Photo: Tyler Underwood



#### Freshman Football 2003-2004

Front Row: Tim Nurge, Xavier McAllister, Chris Thomspon, Brandon Zumnalt, Josh Denton, Steven Lastiri 2nd Row: Chris Gard, David Kim, Alex Lee, Brian Hartigan, Thomas Denne, Sean OI, Fermin Cruz, Casey Rowson, Lance Underwood 3rd Row: Head Coach Wayne Stone, Roshadd Miller, Anthony Trujillo, Bryan Cimino, Daniel Rojas, Jonathan Green, Trent Herrington, Tyler Broom, Asst. Coach Ron Odfina. Back Row: Rahul Sharma, Robert Turbin, Trevor Wall, Francisco Marquez, Justin Ramos, Michael Vaccaro, Keoni Kalawaia, Philip Arnold.

Photo: NW Photography Inc



#### JV Football 2003-2004

Bottom Row: Baasil Khan, Kyle Padilla, Drew Tindall, Steve Randolph, Steve Lee, John Perkins 2nd Row: Ed Demoraes, Eric Flance, Brandon Betts, Aaron Green, Joe Carrethers, Mike Frary, Isaac Siliga, Steven Swaby 3rd Row: Rob Vanduzen, S+kip Cain, Shane Murchison, Ted Green, Adam Harris, David Cosgrove, Kyle Denne, Gabe Martinez, Joey Schrefler Top Row: Ron Webster, John Siliga, Matt Sellers, Keoki Kalawaia, Dan Morrissey, Jesus Sandoval, Cody Werley, Mike Thompson



#### Varsity Football 2003-2004

Bottom Row: Sunny Suminguit, John Mosley, Derek Hallet, Kevin Patrick, Mike Christensen 2nd Row: Derrick Watson, Tommy Edwards, James Smith, Jerome Smith, Ian Horvath, Eric Leavitt, Chris Randolph, Tom Becerra, Dean Kirk 3rd Row: Tom Carrillo, Rob Babcock, Tom Lamanna, Kalani Kalawaia, Ben Palmberg, Frank Yildiz, Moises Sandoval **Top Row**: Andrew Rojas, Pat Allen, Ben Ritter, Jason Cain, Jacob Daricek, Dane France, Nick Perlegos. Coaches: Rob Vanduzen, Alex Smith, Skip Cain, Bob Spain, Joey Schrefler, Mike Thompson



RUN, KINGS,

What some think of as tortue, others think of as fun

"The Squirell came about five years ago when previous captain Robert Dort found it on a training run. Robert and the boys started messing around and he put it in his pants as a joke. They decided to bring it to track meets, and eventually found its way to becoming the cross-country mascot. Each year a new captain gets it."

Chris Smith | 12

Pain is temporary; Pride is forever."
Every day, the Irvington Cross
Country team could be found running to
seemingly outlandish places like Mission
High, Newpark Mall, or in the hills across
the 680. These runs range in distance
anywhere from four to twelve miles. Why,
one may ask, do they do this? They do
this because running is fun.

"Running each day helps me to relieve some of the stress of school and relax a little," boasts JV runner Ryan Flowe, and the rest of the team couldn't agree more.

Although Cross Country isn't all about

running; a lot of the fun comes with the unforgettable team memories: hacky sack tournaments, runners that lost their shoes in thick mud during races, races at a variety of beautiful bay area locations, and even runners that passed out.

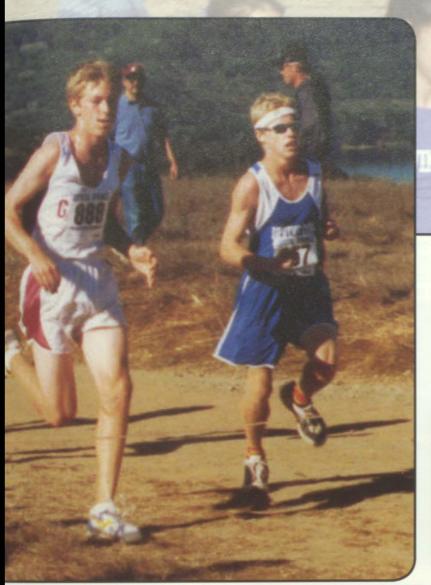
Alas, after all of the hard work put into practices, Cross Country rushed into a number of victories during both invitational meets and dual meets, trampling long time rivals, such as American. No matter what, these runners could always be found giving all they had throughout various parts of Fremont and the numerous rigorous courses they raced upon. Overall, Cross Country had an astounding year the memories shared shall forever be cherished as this years seniors move on to the next level.



#### CROSS-COUNTRY 2003-2004

Front Row: Tabitha Harris, Kristina Punwani, Chris Smith, Kimmy Manos, Allison Ligh, Hasan Misherghi, Anna Chan, Tammy Tsai. Second Row: Jilllian Stoorza, Vanessa Babney, Sarah Baugher, Nikhil Singh, Keith Strong, Johnathon Gorski, Matt Galdin, Jack Husting, Shan Howerton, Jared Lomker, Mike Grewal, Samantha Smith, Laurie Holtog, Veronica Madrigal. Back Row: Coach Skye Langs, Kushal Kadakia, Matt Joens, David Torres, Patrick Herndon, Brandon Martin, Chuck Durham, Jeffrey Zmolek, Corey Young, Tim Camara, Avinash Kumar, Steve Nguyen Astraea Jager. Photo: NW Photography Inc.





Cross Country Statistics		
Boys Frosh-Soph	League: 4-2 Place: 3rd	
Boys Varsity	League: 4-2 Place: 3rd NCS: 6th	
Boys JV	League: 5-1 Place: 2nd	
Girls JV	League: 6-0 Place: 1st	
Girls Varsity	League: 4-2 Place: 2nd NCS: 15th	





#### Fighting for the Lead

Maintaining speed, Jillian Stoorza races against a stampede of runners at the De La Sale cross country invitational. *Photo: John Husting* 

#### One Step Away

A thin string separates Jack Husting from winning the race at the De La Sale cross country invitational. Besides school meets, these invitationals make up a big part of their memories. Photo: John Husting

#### And They're Off!

At the sound of the gun, the race begins. The start determines the weak from the strong, and the boys prove who's the strongest. They get a great start, and leave the competition in the dust. Photo: John Husting

#### **Increasing Drive**

Keeping the pace, Laurie Holtog moves with crowd and slowly inches up-on her competition. The De La Salle Invitational is a chance for everyone to run and show off just how good they are. *Photo: John Husting* 

## A Spike to

By Lynee Sanute

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Volleyball team sets their

way to the third

Aweek before school even starts, numerous girls can be in the gym passing, serving, and spiking their way on to the volleyball team. Two teams emerged from two weeks of strenuous tryouts, a solid Varsity, and a promising Junior Varsity.

The Varsity team, led by captains Liz Choo and Kendra Sakuda had a competitive season as the league underdogs. After losing three seniors from last year's team, the girls stepped up and rightfully claimed their third place tie in league, beating rivals Mission and Washington, and losing to Newark in MVALs.

Every girl contributed to each game. Our coach, Ms. Martin, always told us to lick our chops whenever the other team made a mistake. Vy Lu and Azeta Hatef were always gviving beautiful sets, while Kendra Sakuda and Alison Neilson dominated the net with kills and blocks. Brienne Peixoto and Jordan

Sanchez could always be found flipping and diving just to keep the the ball in play. Jackie Nguyen had the greatest perseverance as a defensive specialist and Crystal Burke could always be found hitting the ball down the line. Courtney Sherman was always laughing and smilling through everything as Liz Choo pumped us for each and every one of our games. Amanda Mederios and myself, the STW2, lead the team in serving consistency. Our strength as a team and winning record enabled us to participate in NCS, where we lost to Amador in three close games.

Junior Varsity, led by coach Sharon Hicksand captains Dee Jacinto, Teresa Nigro, and the very spirited Megan Smith also gained the third place title in league. This years JV Team was comprised of many freshman, which creates a strong foundation for future teams. Six seniors will be leaving this year, and these vacancies leave the door open to any girl who wants to carry on the legancy of MOZART for next season, which I, along with my teammates will truly miss.





#### **Get Low**

During the game versus Newark,
Danielle Cain gets ready to help her
team out with a bump to another
team member. Danielle expertly
bends her knees in order to get to the
ball. Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Serving the Spirit

In the game against Logan, Irvington shows off its powerful serves. Brienne Pexioto gracefully throws the ball into the air just before she hits the ball.

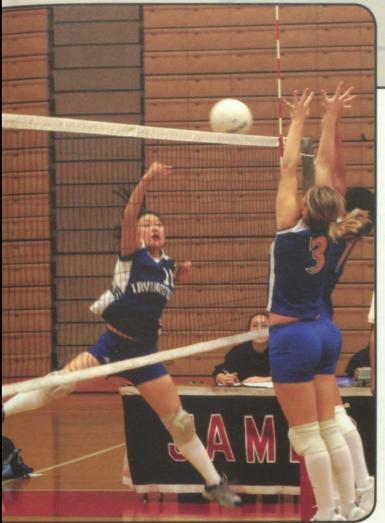
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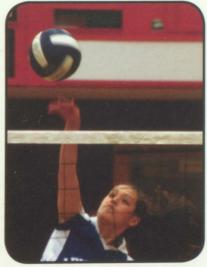
#### Flyin' High

As she leaps towards the ball, Vy Lu tricks the Cougars. She tips te ball over the net instead of spiking it. Photo: Tyler Underwood





#### Varsity American (W) 3-0 American Logan (L) 1-3 Logan Kennedy (W) 3-0 Kennedy Washington (W) 3-0 Washington Newark (L) 1-3 Newark Mission (W) 3-1 Mission American (W) 3-0 American Logan (L) 0-3 Logan Kennedy (W) 3-0 Kennedy Washington (L) 2-3 Washington Newark (L) 1-3 Newark Mission (W) 3-2 Mission



#### **High Stakes**

As she attempts to avoid the Cougars block, Liz Choo pounds the ball over the net. Liz is on her to getting a kill for the team. Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Slammin'

With complete concentration, Kendra Sakuda spikes the ball. Her experience scores a point against Logan. Photo: Tyler Underwood





#### Varsity Volleyball 2003-2004

Front Row: Jacquelyn Nguyen, Alison Neilson, Amanda Medeiros 2nd row: Vy Lu, Azeta Hatef, Courtney Sherman 3rd Row: Brienne Peixoto, Coach Kim Martens, Lynee Sanute Back row: Kendra Sakuda, Crystal Burke, Jordan Sanchez, Liz Choo Photo: NW Photography



#### JV Volleyball 2003-2004

Front row: Danielle-Cain, Trisha Mittal 2nd Row: Diandra Jacinto, Teresa Nigro 3rd Row: Megan Smith, Michelle Sanborn, Lindsay McCarthy, Rebecca Wang, Mira Yoon, Erica Bolivar Back Row: Katie Washington, Katie Kester, Coach Sharon Hicks, Katie Schall, Jill Weeber

Photo: NW Photography



"When I think about tennis, I remember the day when we got to practice with our new ball machines. Thinking the machine was out of balls, I turned my back for a moment to grab some water. Little did I know that the machine was aiming for me! A brand new bouncing tennis ball pegged me right in the nose. So while everyone else on the team remembers their victories, I think about the time I got 'schooled' by the ball, as Caitlin [Ghallacher] says."

Sasha Obukhorskaya | 12

By Captains Sarah Henry & Ashley Juenger

## KISS

ver the past four years, our girls tennis team has moved up steadily from a record of 6-6 (5th place) to 7-5 (3rd place) to 9-3 (2nd place), and then 10-2 (2nd place).

Some would say that our success must be from hard work. This is true (as Ashley would say), yet part of the explanation is our new coach of three years. Throughout each season, Mr. Kawamura has been relaxed enough to let us each play at our own level, and intense enough to let us know he truly cared.

The other reason that our team has been able to gain so much strength is the quality of our underclassmen. It is really inspiring to go to practice everyday with younger girls that have so much potential. Dianne Mak and Tiffany Prajudha worked hard all season to be

good role models for the Junior Varsity players. Joanna Leong always kept us in place with her killer forehand. Sarah Hwang, Caitlin Gallagher, and Sarah Shiekh kept the team's spirits up, and their beautiful moms were always there to give us their support.

One of our most memorable victories was beating Logan. After Sarah Henry's three-hour match deciding the outcome for the team, we all walked away with our heads high and laughed as the Logan coach screamed at his girls. Vishaka Singla has really started to shine, as she and her partner Pam Hong made it to the finals in Doubles for MVALs. Yes, Vishaka... the same airl that was about to get in a fist-fight with the American coach!

Although we are leaving this year, we know the team is going to flourish without us. Hopefully we can beat Mission and get the first place title we've been working for. Good luck to all the future Tennis Stars.

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## Varsity

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Mission (L) 0-7



#### Tiffany Prajudha | 11

"We improved this year by one game. Hopefully, we'll be able to get a couple games off Mission next



#### Eye on the ball

As Pamela Hong serves an ace, Vishakha Singla awaits for the ball. Vishakha states, "Pam and I really improved together - we reached MVAL finals and we became closer as a doubles team." Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Serve's Up

At a game versus Mission, Pamela Hong whacks the ball over to her opponent's side. Photo: Courtesy of The Argus



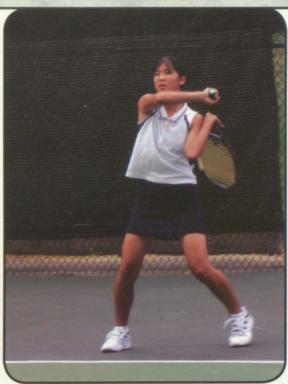


#### MVP Get Even

Irvington's Tennis MVP, Sarah Henry skillfully guides the ball across the net. "Tennis is similar to Poker - you shouldn't show your facial expressions so your opponent doesn't know what you're thinking," comments Sarah. Photo: Courtesy of The Argus

#### Move it

After a strong backhand, Joanna Leong quickly moves back to get ready for her next shot. *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 







#### **GIRLS TENNIS 2003-2004**

Front Row: Arpita Neelmegh, Jessica Do, Sara Hwang, Joanna Leong, Rashmi Joshi, Nicole Fernandes, Kavitha Mattaparthi, Karen Yan Second Row: Tarannum Nagpurwala, Palak Bavishi, Tiffany Prajudha, Vishakha Singla, Sarah Sheikh, Ashley Juenger, Sarah Henry, Pamela Hong, Sasha Obukhorskaya, Linda Giang Back Row: Coach Seiji Kawamura, Yvonne Fung, Jennifer Prajudha, Joy Ro, Dianne Mak, Deeya Utarnsing, Gurlene Kocher, Diana Yu, Farah Ali, Cathy Qu, Jessica Chen, Suzi Kai, Cathy Nguyen, Assistant Coach Sue Hwang, Assistant Coach Margot Vandercapellend Photo: NW Photography Inc.

#### She's Soaring!

On the uneven bars, Sydney Montroy does a pullover to the high bar. "Uneven bars is my favorite event in gymnastics even though it's one of the hardest. It was difficult at the beginning because I never done a pull-over before," said Sydney. Photo: Lauren Stewart

#### JV Varsity Logan (W) Los Lomas (W) Washington (W)

Mission (W)

Logan (W) Los Lomas (W) Washington (W) Mission (W)



## **Get Ready**

As one of three males on the team, Greg Jeong prepares to do a front handspring off the vault. Greg comments further, "That wasn't my best run for vault but I did really good on floor." Photo: Lauren Stewart

#### What A View!

During a routine rehearsal, Melissa Hong pauses for a moment to prepare for her next move. She did great in the real competition. Photo: Lauren Stewart









The has been a three time OMVAL Champion, two time Argus Athlete of the Week & Argus Athlete of the Year, two time Irvington Athlete of the Year, three time Gymnastics MVP, and was a Junior Olympic National Competitor. As a graduating senior, Trisha has been an one-ofa-kind influential figure to IHS.

#### SAGA: How long have you been doing gymnastics?

I started when I was two and a half. Both my brothers did gymnastics so my mom enrolled me too.

#### SAGA: What's your favorite part of competing in gymnastics?

My favorite part is the balance beam just 'cause you get an adrenaline run on a four-inch wide beam.

#### SAGA: Do you regret not competing in high school?

I don't regret it 'cause I got to experience other things in high school. If I did continue then I would be working out all the time and it would just be school and gymnastics.

#### SAGA: Any important role models?

Oh, you know who - Laurie Skelton. She's the one that's been supporting me through everything, making sure I never give up.

#### SAGA: Are you going to continue gymnastics in college?

I have options, but I don't know if I want to. I've been offered by other colleges but I'm going to focus on school stuff first.

#### SAGA: So where are you planning on going?

As of right now, it's San Diego

#### **SAGA:** Any last statements?

I just hope that our gymnastics program will be successful and will open up more opportunities for people to get involved in the sport.



By Ketakee Kane

## Balancin

The Gymnastics team is flipping out

newest teams at Irvington but is also one of Irvington's strongest. This year we had a large number of gymnasts joining the team for the first time, but with great skill, including some talented freshmen. We also had three males for the first time.

We finished a phenomenal season undefeated and won MVALs in every division with an Irvington team member

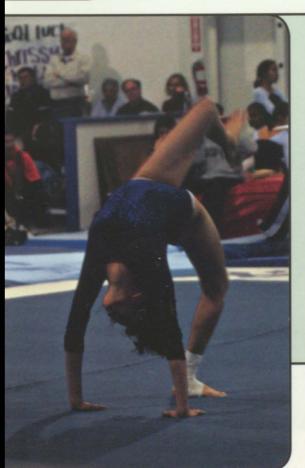
ur gymnastics team is one of the coming first in every event. Sheryl Minyen came in first for junior varsity, Shannon Davies was first for varsity, and our extraordinary team captain, Trisha Abad, defended her rank as the first place varsity elite.

> Trisha Abad was our sole senior, and she was undefeated on floor and beam. At MVALs she performed a perfect floor routine earning her a perfect 10 and a standing ovation. Naturally, she came in first for varsity elite at MVALs for the third year in a row. We will miss you Trisha, and thank you for everything.



"Having young men on the team bought a lot of energy to our workouts. It was fun to watch them learn new skills every day and their enthusiasm for gymnastics was a plus. The most painful moment of the year was when Fabien almost took my nose out when I was spotting him during a workout when he was learning a back handspring."

- Coach Laurie Skelton





#### **GYMNASTICS 2003-2004**

First Row: Trisha Abad, Rachel Matsuka Second Row: Kate Low, Sydney Montroy, Grace Jeong, Melissa Hong, Snow Feng Third Row: Shannon Davies, Kathleen Smoak, Natelie Marlais, Kimberlie Lasovich, Sheryl Minyen, Ketakee Kane, Lauren Barto. Back Row: Fabien Zadno, Greg Jeong, Brian Amsler

#### Going for the Gold

Despite an injured ankle, Ketakee Kane manages to still perform in her floor routine at MVALs. "It was a very painful experience, but it was worth it to see Trisha perform [and get a perfect 10]," says Ketakee. Photo: Lauren Stewart



#### Heart of a Viking

"Something peple don't know about real wrestling is there is no costumes. People don't understand that this isn not a show. We use every muscle in our body trying to pin the other guy. I remember coming out of practice with my face hurting, because my coach would be beating me so much i was gasping for air. Talk to any one of us, we will set you straight."

- Nathan Berge | 12

# Half J elson

Wrestling is a tough sport. If it wasn't, then we would have a full team. This season was a good overall one for us. Everyone who completed the season had to have passion, or they wouldn't have made it through the year.

I had so much fun this season that I plan on coming back next season and to attend practice just because I'll miss it so much. As in the previous years, our team was small and had decreased in

size as the year progressed and grades came out. Wrestling is one of the hardest sports around, but there's nothing like the feeling of winning a match - everyone on the team this year got to feel what it's like to be on top of the world.

Patrick is right, wrestling is the toughest sport I have ever played. I can't believe that it's over. Even though we had a small team this year, we had more heart then all the years combined. The one piece of advice I'd like to give the wrestling team next year is to stay motivated. I wish them the best of luck.



#### **WRESTLING 2003-2004**

Front Row: Anh-khoa Nguyen, Sonny Suminguit, Storm Selsor, Brittley Tringali Second Row:
David Allan, Mike Christensen, Tom Becerra, Thomas Edwards, David Cosgrove Back
Row: Coach Frank Becerra, Coach Bill Choate, Nathan Berge, Partick Allan, Coach Gary
Goodrich, Coach Mike Tringali. Photo: NW Photography Inc.

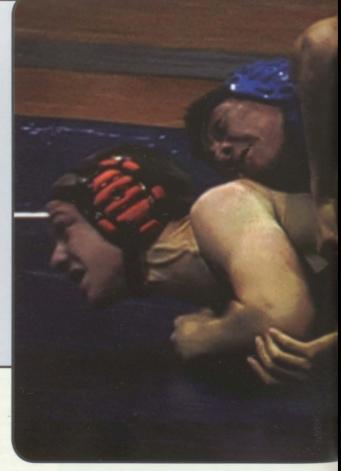


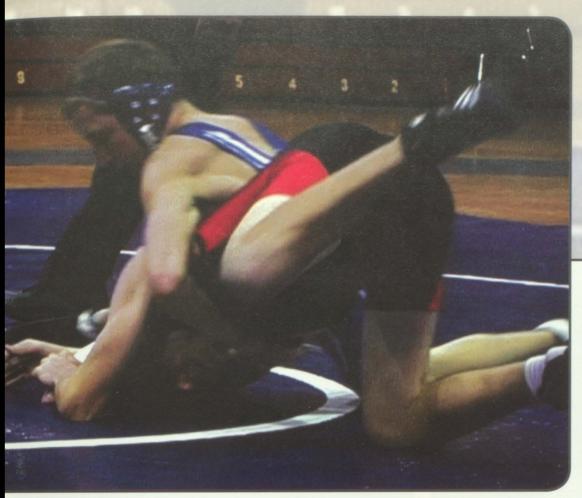
#### Thomas Edwards | 11

"Only wrestlers know how hard wrestling really is."

#### **Held Back**

Fiercely pinning down a Washington High School wrestler, Sonny Suminguit pulls a two-on-one move. This move helps him keep the opponent from moving one of his arms. *Photo: Kyle* Stephens



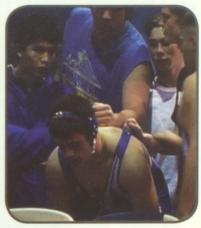


#### **Hold on Tight**

Attempting an IOWA move, Dave Allan prepares to pin his opponent down. An IOWA move is a grab that locks the opponent down to put his shoulders to mat. Photo: Kyle Stephens

#### Power Up

A tradition of the Irvington wrestling team is to lend the next wrestler up some fighting power. Here, David Cosgrove gets such a boost. *Photo: Kyle Stephens* 







#### Varsity

Washington (L)
California School of
the Deaf (W)
Logan (L)
American (W)
Kennedy (W)
Newark (L)

## Words from the Top Varsity

To this wrestler, wrestling is more than a sport; and like every dedicated athlete, there is a story to tell. Tom Beccera placed top in MVALs and finished 4th in NCS, nearly qualifying for state.

#### SAGA: How did you get into Wrestling?

**Tom Beccera:** I went to my brother's first match and I fell in love with it. I had to quit baseball because they were in the same season.

SAGA: What do you like about wrestling instead?

**Beccera:** The competition just between you and the other guy - and knowing that you hate him and he hates you. You get to go out there and see who's tougher.

#### **SAGA: Favorite moment?**

**Beccera:** Probably when I won MVALs...it was like - I'd never done anything like that. One side of the gym was filled with people...there was a light on the mat and we had to walk down into the spotlight. When it was your turn to wrestle it was like - whew!

## SAGA: What's different about wrestling?

**Beccera:** It's one of the more contact sports you can do -

there's no luck involved, it's either skill or brute strength.

#### SAGA: Any interesting memories?

Beccera: When we initiate people. At the end of the year banquet at Home Town Buffet, you get to eat a cone. We get one of the ice cream cones and fill it with the nastiest stuff like mayonnaise, salt, peas, and stuff. If it's your first year, you eat one.

## SAGA: What do you think about the team this year?

**Beccera:** For the number of guys that stuck with the team, we did pretty good. It's cool seeing the first year guys go from nothing to being studs and kicking people's butt.

## JV Varsity

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Mission (W) 1-0
Mission (W)

#### 1-2-3 Defense

Pushing and fighting for position, Caitlin Gallacher goes up against her opponent from Logan as they battle for the ball. *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 







#### **GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER 2003-2004**

Front Row: Ami Patel, Jen Iso, Jessica Jhinnu, Kali Delzompo, Aliyah Wong Second Row: Danielle Cain, Fanny Koloko-Green, Ashley Juenger, Vanessa Peters, Caitlin Gallacher, Kristina Punwani, Katie Kester Back Row: Coach Joe Peixoto, Stephanie Beretta, Brienne Peixoto, Sara Kayser, Kendra Sakuda, Lynee Santue, Pam O'Neill, Tine Do By NW Photography Inc.



#### GIRLS JV SOCCER 2003-2004

Front Row: Sarah Euchler, Trisha Mittal, Sarah Sheikh, Michelle Dorner Second Row: Lauren Barto, Lainey Seaton, Dana Percoco, Kayla Herring, Shanna Sare, Amanda Benquides, Veronca Madrigal Back Row: Anjel Hernandez, Shannon Davies, Cindy Garcia, Megan Galloway, Kimberly Doying, Janna Dahl, Rachael Carman, Kendra Makela Photo: NW Photography Inc.

#### **Ball Control**

Keeping possession of the ball is key in the game of soccer. Vanessa Peters dribbles upfield to help Irvington advance the ball and improve their chances of scoring. Photo: Tyler Underwood

## That was a

# By Caitlin Gallacher IOSE Call

#### Girls soccer finishes another great season in second place

nce again, girls soccer pulled out another wonderful season, enough to make any school proud. Ardous practices, team bonding, and talent were all ingredients into making this team great.

While the team started out rocky in the beginning, they managed to pull themselves together and meet their goals, such as going undefeated the second round and beating Washington during MVAL's.

With the loss of only four seniors last year, the team had most of its veteran

players, which helped with the chemistry on the field. Three new freshman, Daniel Cain, Katie Kester, Tina Do, and a senior, Aliyah Wong, were all new additions to this year's team and they made a difference on and off the field.

Sadly, eight people will be leaving this year, but they will be taking many memories with them. The sleepovers, the Aqua dance, the close calls, and the penguin-napping helped make the team a group of close friends instead of just teammates. "We really bonded this year, and contrary to what Joe, our coach may say, it's not only the practices that make us good. It's how we feel around each other." said Jen Iso.



## Fan Fight The Penguin Story

"During the season, the team started a rivaly with some of our most dedicated fans. Patricia the Penguin became the center of it all and a 'penquin-napping' war began. During one of the games, the guys stole it from our side, which turned out to be good luck because we ended up winning the game."

Ami Patel | 11





#### Pass and Move

To keep the ball moving, Ashley Juenger and Stephanie Beretta work together as they pass the ball and move to a new space to open up the field. Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Stop, Drop, and Slide

A quick, clean slide tackle is all it takes sometimes in the sport of soccer. Cindy Garcia demonstrates her skills as she steals the ball from her Logan opponent. *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 

#### Mr. Chan | #1 Fan

"I watch girls soccer because they have finesse and accuracy. They are really good."





#### **A Muddy Game**

"Once it was raining pretty hard during partice and the ground was so soaked that everytime we took a step, we would step in mud. Everyone was slipping, even with cleats We were playing soccer, but instead of trying to actually get the ball, we grabbed each other by the arms and threw them on the ground to get the ball that way. We pretty much had a wrestling match in the mud. The coach just kept laughing at us."

- Anthony Zmolek | 10

By Captain Jeff Stepan and Husain Misherahi

## He Shoots. He

 $B_{\text{most}}$  soccer this year was one of the most enjoyable and memorable seasons in my four years. Although we weren't the best team of the four years that we were here, we were definitely the most closely knit. There were no "rivalries" or hard feelings between anyone. No matter what we did, at practice or games, we had a great time.

Over the season, we had many great moments together like our win over Newark and the thriller against Mission that sent us into the playoffs. With our hard work, we also almost pulled out a win in the playoffs against Washington, who ended up 2nd place in NCS.

Scott Hamilton (Scottie) had picture perfect slide tackles as he played next to Matt Crowell, who ran over anvone in his way

Jeff Stepan put on a show every game. He embarrased many of the opposing defenders throughout the season, putting in goals while Alborz Karimzadeh kept more than his fair share out

Alex Broom won almost every headball, frustrating opponents while Mark Thayer would weasel his way through multiple defenders.

We used to say that Matt Teuscher wasn't that big but he played big. He was our most solid defender all year.

Joe Cooper thought he understood the game better then the refrees and when he would politely correct them they thanked him for it. Husain, however, was just not allowed to talk, as Coach Silveira provided the comedy with his witty remarks.



#### Varsity

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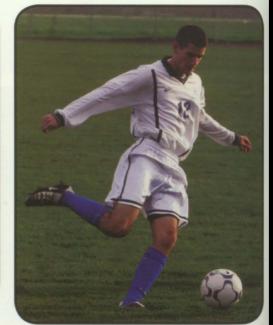
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#### The Boot

Feeding the ball to his teammates, Scott Hamilton kicks the ball away from his opponents. "When we were playing Washington, my hair hit me in the eye 'cause it was raining and it really hurt," comments Scott. Photo: Tyler Underwood







#### Shootin'

Playing the Titans at home, A.J. Pelxoto sets up to take a shot at the goal. "This year was a lot of fun because we had good talent on the team," says A.J. "The best moment this year was when Sal Cerna scored the winning goal against Mission and we went to the playoffs." Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Gettin' Used

As the American player tries to take the ball away, Jeff Stepan uses his dribbling skills to take it to the goal. Photo: Tyler Underwood



"My favorite moment was when I scored my first goal against Kennedy. I had the ball, and I passed it to one of my teammates. They crossed the ball, I slid and knocked it in.







#### Safety

In a heroic effort to save the ball from the opposing team, Mark Thayer, Joseph Cooper and Jeff Stepan race for the ball. "The season went pretty well," said Mark. "The team is looking forward to the next season." Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### **A Flying Move**

Dribbling the ball up the field, Joesph Cooper slips as he is passes the ball to his teammate Jeff Stepan. Following this pass, Jeff Stepan scored point for the Vikings. *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 







#### **BOYS VARSITY SOCCER 2003-2004**

First Row: Jasminder Singh, Joesph Cooper, Mark Thayer, Husian Misherghi Second Row: Jeffery Stepan, Andrew Peixoto, Salvandor Cerna, Scott Hamilton, Matt Teuscher Back Row: Coach Tony Silveira, Anthony Zmolek, Abel Leon, Alborz Karimzadeh, Alex Broom, Stephen Hill, Matt Crowell, Coach Jiri Stepan Photo: NW Photography

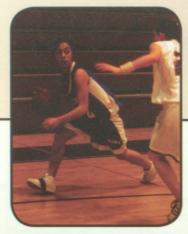


#### BOYS JV SOCCER 2003-2004

First Row: Shaban Kajabi, Trevor Carothers, Eduardo Rossi, Michael Huang, Garrett Santo, Michael Mayes Second Row: Tim Teuscher, Gerardo Vargas, Madison Miller, Jeffery Zmolek, Neal Patel, Gagik Ohanyan, Fabian Zadno Back Row: Tim Nurge Toby Carothers, Vickram Tandon, Gagan Hothi, Adam Shawen, Ian Langfordono, Dustan Millward, Nathan Ziman, Caoch David Cordova Photo: NW Photography

#### Varsity

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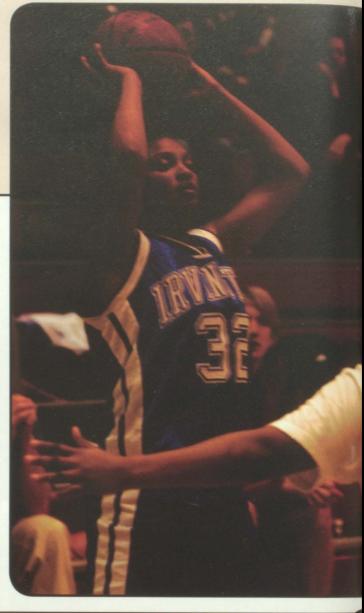


**Not Stopping** 

Baird dodges an opponent as she scouts for a teammate to pass the ball. "Becuse this season was so successful, I wish I had this coaching staff and team in my previous years here.. this was my best year for basketball." comments Christy. 

Photo: Courtesy of Prestige







#### **GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL 2003-2004**

Front Row: Yojing Chi, Diandra Jacinto, Trisha Abad, Teresa Nigro Second Row: Corey Fujioka, Sekeia Willis, Lindsey McCarthy, Yody Chi Back Row: Amanda Mooney, Christy Baird, Coach, Katie Schall, Krishelle Torres Photo: NW Photography Inc.



#### GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL 2003-2004

Front Row: Joy Ro, Kerri Loh, Belyn Lai, Samantha Youre Second Row: Jennnifer Louie, Amanda Sexaur, Coach Michelle Stone, Trisha Takeda, Gopi Patel Back Row: Danielle Corothers, Kiana Thompson, Krystal Chandler, Katie Washington Photo: NW Photography Inc.

## Out of

Trisha Abad

## Sidelines

No one on the girls basketball team is ready for the year to end. This season was full of positive advancements towards gaining the respect that we deserve. Everyone expected this team to lose, but all that talk is changing.

The girls' basketball team has established a strong foundation with their new coach and exceptional players. This team will go far. They are very individually talented, it will only be a matter of time before they will be unstoppable.

From the beginning, the underclassmen stepped it up and played like experienced high school ballers. They weren't afraid to get knocked around by the big opposing players and take it strong to the basket. The upperclassmen helped mold the younger players and lead them to victory.

Irvington girls basketball hasn't seen a season like this in a long time, and it was great to see them gain the respect of opposing teams. The first half of the season started off with a disappointing loss to Mission, but the Vikings refused to see another losing season. Instead, they girls battled it back against Newark and came out on top.

They successfully ended the first half of the season with an overtime win over Kennedy. Their biggest goal was yet to be achieved; defeating Mission. "Beating mission has been something I wanted to do since freshman year," said Christy Baird. "Beating them my senior year brought me to tears." The team came together, gave it their all, and conquered their goal.

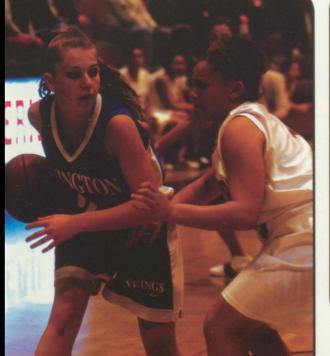
Overall this season was just what the team needed. Next year I am looking forward to seeing them at NCS. I am glad I had the privilege to play with these lady Vikings, and I wish them the best of luck next year.

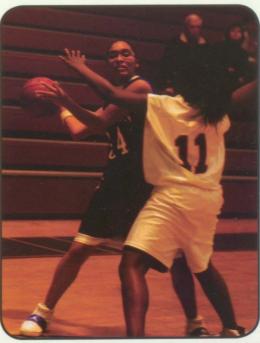


#### **Double the Trouble**

"Yojing and I have been playing basketball since 6th grade. The coach put us on varsity. Sometimes we play together on the court...but not always. A lot of people say we have a twin connection. Sometimes at the end of the game the opposing team would shake our hands and they'd be like, "Whoa you guys are twins." They think we're just one person but all over the place."

- Yody Chi | 9





#### **Blowing Past The Defense**

During the game against American in February, the Vikings held a strong offense. Junior varsity player Krystal Chandler looks for an open teammate to set up the Irvington offense. *Photo: Courtesy of Prestige* 

#### **Throwing it Back**

Varsity player Sekeia Willis though trapped, still manages to assist a teammate streaking to the basket. "It was different because we had a new coach. we also have four freshman on our team, we were really lucky to have them because they contributed a lot." Photo: Courtesy of Prestige



The Court



#### **One Total Recall**

"The season was a humbling experience but through it all we were really close. Our camaraderie made the losing less painful. The banquet was cool but sort of sad because two of our seniors had to leave. I think our funniest moment was when John Mangan got swatted by Mission. He didn't realize that the ball didn't go in for like fifteen minutes."

David Shin | 11

#### "I'm Open!"

During the game against Newark on February 4, junior varsity displays a strong offense. Justin Guerra runs to get open so he can receive the ball from a teammate. Photo: Nisat Chowdhury

#### Keep Away

Varsity player Justin Barretto successfully keeps the ball away from Mission San Jose on January 7. As he attempts to make a pass he speeds ahead of the opposing team with ease. Photo: Nisat Chowdhury

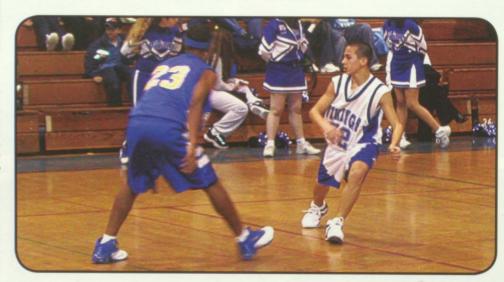
This year's boys basketball season was fulfilling. Our pre-season was especially successful because we did well against some very difficult opponents.

It would give us such a rush when we won in someone's own house because the crowd would talk a lot of crap when we entered the gym. They remembered the Vikings from last year but we proved how much we had changed.

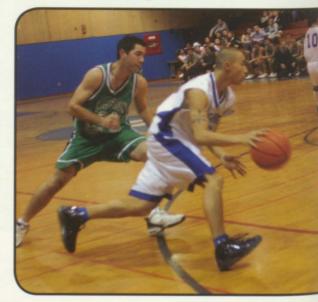
Our down period hit us at the beginning of the season when we lost some players such as Justin Barretto and Haris Ashraf. Everyone's energy went downhill and we all felt like the season wasn't worth it

Basketball started strong but fell through at a critical moment this year's boys basketball season anymore. We still tried our best at every game but we were still underdogs.

We learned many things during this season; not just basketball skills, but also life skills. I have been playing basketball for Irvington for three years now and there have always been people struggling with their grades. This year was different because we supported each other and no one had real trouble academically. Even though the season was not as great of a success as we expected, we knew we couldn't quit because we had to finish the season and show people what we were made of. My teammate, varsity player Eric Yoshimura, said, "Despite our lack of wins, we really managed to come together as a team and have a



Varsity	JV	Frosh
Mission (L) 45-64	W	W
Newark (L) 60-80	L	L
Washington (L) 42-63	-	L
Logan (L) 49-59	L	L
American (L) 39-57	L	L
Kennedy (L) 68-79	W	W
Mission (L) 47-61	W	W
Newark (L) 47-68	L	W
Washington (L) 63-42	-	W
Logan (L)	L	L
American (L) 39-49	L	L
Kennedy (L)	W	W







#### **DEFENSE! DEFENSE! DEFENSE!**

Varsity player, David Srour, shows off Irvington's awesome defense. He jumps into the air in order to win the ball from Mission San Jose, *Photo: Nisat Chowalhury* 

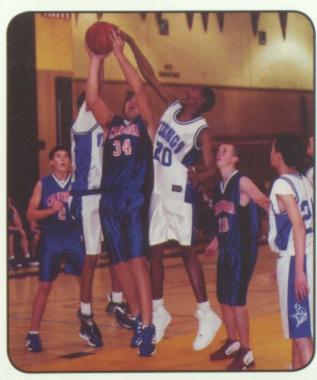


#### **Dominating the Court**

As he dribbles down the court during a game against Mission San Jose, varsity player Eric Yoshimura manages to keep control of the ball. Eric is one of the top players on the varsity team. Photo: Nisat Chowdhury

#### It's Mine!

The freshmen team proved to have an amazingly strong defense from the start. Percy Reynolds shows this as he attempts to grab the ball from the opposing team during a pre-season game. Photo: Courtesy of Prestige





#### **BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL 2003-2004**

Front Row: Justin Barretto, David Shin, Willdy Frank, Haris Ashraf, Jasuir Singh, Eric Yoshimura Back Row: Matt Mangan, John Mangan, Tim Gerber, David Srour, Ben Cory, Allan Trinh, Coach Mark Paris Photo: NW Photography Inc.



#### **BOYS JV BASKETBALL 2003-2004**

Front Row: Jeffrey Handa, Nick Gill, Justin Guerra, Steven Randolph, Ritchie Pallaya **Back Row:** Kyle Low, Mitchell Johns, Tommy Schall, David Chai, Agustin Alanz, Coach Brock Ahrens *Photo: NW* Photography Inc.



#### **BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL 2003-2004**

Front Row: Jordan Fujioka, Ian Candelario, Calvin Lam, Roshadd Miller, Khiem Mai, Michael Chichioco **Back Row:** Francisco Marquez, Keoni Kalawaia, Justin Ramos, Percy Reynolds, Matthew Anderson, Devan Patel, Coach Delandro Leday Photo: NW Photography Inc.

## Shout It

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"To prepare for tryouts this year, I conditioned in the weight room about two hours every day for two weeks. I lifted weights, ran, and biked. I had to get myself in shape for splits, jumps, and dances, because cheerleading is about flexibility, strength, and endurance."

Jasmine Robles | Varsity

SAGA: What was one of your fondest memories of this year?

Jennifer Nowell: When Monica and I put together the senior dance for the Senior Night Basketball Game. It was the first time the spiritleaders put something together, and not the coach. Monica Colagiovanni: The first football game is always memorable. It's refreshing to see new athletes. It's always fun.

SAGA: How does it feel to cheer for the school football and basketball team?

Diane Torres: It's fun to be able to be a part of the game. Being able to experience the game up close is great.

Rashell Johnson: I love cheering to get the crowd all wilded up.

SAGA: How is trust a bigger issue in spiritleading than most sports?

Denae Mintun: It's a huge part of

spiritleading. I practiced as being a flyer many times and once I got to trust my base, everthing felt and hit better.

SAGA: How do you feel about people who don't consider spiritleading a sport?

**Ami Tregear:** If you have a stereotype, you need to get rid of it. You don't know what these girls go through.

**Shelby Hoerner:** Most of the people who make fun of cheer can't even do half the things we can.

SAGA: What was your biggest accomplishment this year?

**Lizette Marquez:** It was pretty hard this year because a lot of girls left the team. But with the rest still here, we came together with our dances and routines.

**Ashley Strong:** Accepting people for who they are... and not their talents.



#### Monica Colagiovanni | 12

"I love rallies. You build your whole day up for it, and it's over in three minutes. You feel good."

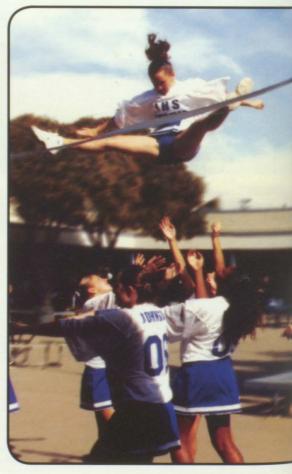


None of the Varsity Spiritleaders are off beat as they cheer at the football game against Kennedy. Jessica Bury says this this unison is accomplished through many "tape recordings and corrections afterwards." Photo:

Debbie Miller

#### Flying Through the Air

Performing a toe-touch while being tossed up in the air is no simple job, yet JV Ashley Mayfield accomplishes this task well. "To be a flyer, you must trust the other squad members. It goes by too fast to be scary," said Ashley. Photo: Debbie Miller







### Stanford **Spiritleading Camp**

Compeniions				
Junior Varsity	Superior			
Varsity	Superior			
Overall	Superior			

#### Up in the Air

Built on trust, the Varsity Spiritleading bassers hold up Briana Schmidt, Ashley Strong, and Carly Green at the Hello Rally. "It's frightening because your life is in jeopardy, but it's so much fun, too." Carly said. Photo: Tyler Underwood



#### 2003-2004 Varsity Spiritleaders

First Row: Monica Colagiovanni, Candiss Miller Second Row: Carly Green, Nicole Brooks, Jessica Bury, Brandie O'Neill, Ashley Strong, Regina Perelman, Briana Schmidt Third Row: Gina Furiosi, Jennifer Nowell Back Row: Diane Torres, Lizette Marquez, Ami Tregear, Jasmine Robles, Katie Atfield



#### 2003-2004 JV Spiritleaders

First Row: Tamatha Green, Shelby Hoerner, Tabatha Billingslea, Tiffany Stelle, Ashley Mayfield **Second Row**: Shayna Butler, Rashell Johnson, Denae Mintun

#### JV

Mission (L) 1-2 Mission (L) 7-8 Washington (L) 3-4 Washington (L) 8-10 American (L) 1-11 American (W) 8-4 Logan (L) 2-4 Logan (L) 2-3 Newark (W) 4-3 Kennedy (W) 6-4

#### Varsity

Mission (W) 2-0 Mission (L) 1-2 Washington (L) 0-3 Washington (W) 14-2 American (L) 0-4 American (W) 9-3 Logan (L) 2-9 Logan (W) 6-4 Newark (L) 3-4 Kennedy (W) 17-2

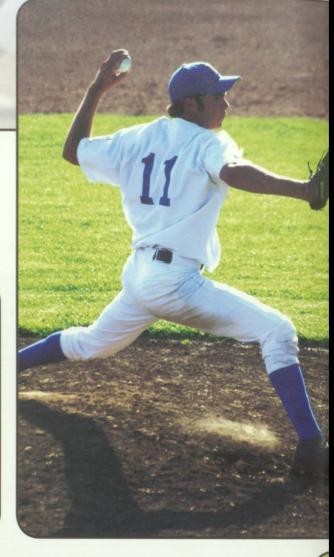
#### Pitch Perfect

Ace pitcher Matt Johnon strides to deliver the pitch. "I keep my belt on backwords so the other team's like, "This guy is coming at us all lopsided," said Matt. Photo: Melody Chu

#### Catch 22... I Mean, 2

Recieving the throw from Derek Hallett, shortstop Ken Ng attempts to tag the Logan player out at second. Second baseman David Parsons rushes to the base. *Photo: Jennifer Hsu* 







#### VARSITY BASEBALL 2003-2004

Front Row: David Parsons, Matt Teuscher, Matthew Johnson, Anthony Manzano. Second Row: Shane Mutchison, Scott Holtog, Matthew Crowell, Ken Ng Back Row: Michael Skora, Justin Lunday, Alex Broom, Coach Dave Redgrave, Derek Hallett, Matt Mangan, Erik Miller Photo: NW Photography Inc.



#### JV BASEBALL 2003-2004

Front Row: Arjun Haran, Daniel Rofriguez, KeithStrong, Juan Maldonado, Tim Teuscher Second Row: Scott Hamilton, Justin Ruiz, Billy Tomblin, Jeff Handa, Steve Davis, Nick Mooney Back Row: Coach John Eckler, Justin Ramos, Mitchell Johns, Tommy Schall, Matt Sellers, Justin Flores, Matt Anderson, Coach Mike Teuscher. Photo: NW Photography Inc.

By Melody Chu & Jennifer Hsu

## Making the



Mile the baseball teams got off to a rocky start this year, they quickly improved. It took a bit of time for the varsity team to feel comfortable with each other, but they finally settled in and won three games in a row going into the last two games of the season.

JV, on the other hand, suffered from a series of unfortunate losses, losing 6 of their games in the final inning. "They are still a young team," says Coach Eckler. "Most of the team are freshmen. They are really hitting the ball well."

SAGA got the chance to speak with some of the varsity players after they defeated American 9-3 on May 1st.

**SAGA:** What are some funny things that have happened during practice?

Scott Holtog: Oh, this one time the team

was taking batting practice...

**Derek Hallett:** So I got up to bat, and my hands were a little sweaty. The sun was shining brightly. The coach threw a pitch, I swung, and the bat flew out of my hands and went over the batting cage. I threw the bat further than I hit the ball.

**SAGA:** What are some of the things you auvs do as a team?

**Teuscher:** During pre-season on a few occasions we went out to breakfast before the saturday games.

**Hallet:** The team had a fantasy baseball league this year and it made for heated conversations regarding trading and the performances of our players.

Matt Johnson: Thursday nights we tried to gather for poetry readings. We really got to know each other through the spoken word. We know we all have shoulders to cry on.

"I like the way we come together in tough times," says Matt Crowell. "When someone makes an error or someone loses a game, we pick each other up."



#### There is no I In T-E-A-M

"In the beginning of the season we were trying to figure out how we could bond. So we decided to start team movie nights... After two weeks, it just wasn't working out because the whole team couldn't make it. It was like faking our team unity. We ended up just bonding more during practice when we weren't trying and it worked out for us. We do team chants about random things and we say, 'Party in the Strike Zone,' 'You're not invited' to the opposing team's pitcher."

- Scott Holtog | 12





#### **Strength Demon**

Alex Broom smashes the ball to the wall during the 5th inning in the second game against Logan. "I'm just trying to have fun my senior year," said Alex. "I'm lovin' it." Photo: Melody

#### **Hidden Weapons**

Armed and dangerous, Shane Murchison gets ready to deal. *Photo: Jennifer Hsu* 



#### **Running Base**

David Pasrons rounds second base during the 6th inning of the game against Logan. He scored a run when Matt Johnson came up to bat. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

#### Swinging!

As the ball comes toward her, Hannah Daugherty swings the bat with fierce aggression. With her success, she manages to get a single and scores an R.B.I. (Run Batted In) for her team.

Photo: Tyler Underwood



#### Fly Ball.....

When the ball was caught after being popped up, Brienne Peixoto effortlessly throw the ball to third base. In doing so she got the opposing player out and go to go into the next inning. Photo:

Tyler Underwood

#### **Home Run!**

During the game against Kennedy, Amanda Winkley hits a home run for the lady Vikings. She successfully scores the go ahead run. *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 







#### **VARSITY SOFTBALL 2003-2004**

Front Row: Jessica Smith, Coach Kim Martin, Coach Shalan Dundee, Desiree Springs Second Row: Teresa Nigro, Coach Rick Maria, Melissa Hill Back Row: Amanda Marotta, Cindy Garcia, Brienne Peixoto, Lillian Shaw, Katie Marid, Hannah Daugherty, Jennifer Louie, Mandy Winkley Photo: NW Photography Inc.



#### JV SOFTBALL 2003-2004

Front Row: Amanda Vicory, Danielle Klein, Rachael Carman,
Danielle Lambson, Melissa Tarr Second Row: Melissa Martorella,
Michelle Sanborn, Krystal Chandler, Amanda Sexauer, Kim Lasovich,
Kayla Herring Back Row: Ana Garcia, Angelica Maciel, Coach Ron
Shaw, Coach Ronda Gardner, Sara Hwang, Staci Dayley Photo: NW
Photography Inc.





## Showing No

## By Amanda Marotta Off Side!

#### Softball starts off with their strongest season in years

You only need three words to describe Irvington's Softball season for 2004 "Together We're Better." This applies to both JV and varsity. Varsity had their best year yet, not just on the field, but as a team.

"This is the funnest team I've ever had," says Coach Martens. "There are no cliques and everyone gets along."

Varsity has come a long way since last year's season. In the beginning, the newspapers thought we were going to end in fourth place. However, they were wrong. Not only did Varsity not get fourth place, we are tied for first. Varsity feels that they have done so well because of the sisterhood that has developed between the team. If a teammate needed to work on a specific thing the team would help them. For instance, Cindy Garcia made a terrific turn-around from the beginning to the end.

Varsity is full of great hitters. Mandy Winkley hit a solo home run against Kennedy. Brienne Peixoto hit two consecutive triples. Even though she transferred into Irvington at the semester, Hannah Daugherty commented it feels as if "the team expected her."

Although Varsity will lose three very good players, Katie Maria, Jessica Smith, and Cindy Garcia, the team will continue to play as a whole and will hopefully do as well next year as they did last year.

The highlight for JV's season was not only when they took second place in the Stanley Cup Tournment, but as Staci Daley says, "When we battled back to finally beat Washington in the home game."

Kayla Herring said her favorite thing about this season was meeting all of her teammates.

"I feel we are going to be strong next year because of the bond of the remaining players on Varsity and JV," said Amanda Marotta.



#### **Making A Wish**

"We were warming up and I saw one of those wish flower and started chasing after it... by that time all the balls were thrown in and everyone was laughing at me becasue I looked like an idiot running after the flower."

- Teresa Nigro | 10





#### Sliding...

Running towards third base Jennifer Louie saw the ball fly to the opposing player, she made a smart decision and slid into the base. Successfully sliding she was safe and ran home to score a another Viking point. Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Scoopin'

Scooping the ball from the ground, Staci Daley throws it to her team mate getting another out for her team. Photo: Tyler Underwood

#### Varsity

Mission: (W) 8-3 Mission (W) 10-0 Washington (W) 6-2 Washington (L) 3-1 American (W) 2-0 American (L) 1-0 Logan (W) 1-0 Logan (L) 11-1 Newark (W) 7-2 Kennedy (W) 6-4



#### Whole New Experience

"As one of the only 4th year plaers, I've played boys doubles and singles before. I wanted to try something new, and it's really been fun. Mixed doubles [with Ariane] is like a combination of doubles and singles. Our best moment this year was when we beat Washington High School's varsity #1 team. We were not expecting them to be as great as they were. They won the first set, and we had to work really hard to take the entire match."

- Haoyang Liu | 12

By Kevin Zhu

## Smash The irdie

Young team shows flashes

Badminton has long been characterized, somewhat fairly, as a sport that only Honors kids do because they can't do much else. To hold that assumption, however, would be doing an injustice to the real talent and hard work that badminton requires.

As it is the fastest racquet sport in the world, badminton players have to be both physically and mentally quick, and most new recruits are unpleasantly surprised to find upon enlisting that they have to run and exercise daily. So much for the easy sports credit.

This year was an unpredictable year, with many good players from last year having graduated and the team being influxed with new, raw freshmen. Only three four-year seniors are on the team, a problem

that Coach Steve Strout says occurs in all athletics. "It's unfortunate that we lost seniors to academic and time considerations, but it happens."

of brilliance

Irvington is noted, however, for the dominant play of its girls singles and its strong boys doubles. particular, Tiffany Prajudha and Katherine Sese had multiple impressive accomplishments, coming in 2nd and 3rd respective at singles in the Irvington varsity tournament and 3rd at doubles. They also took home 2nd place girls doubles at the Andrew Hill tournament.

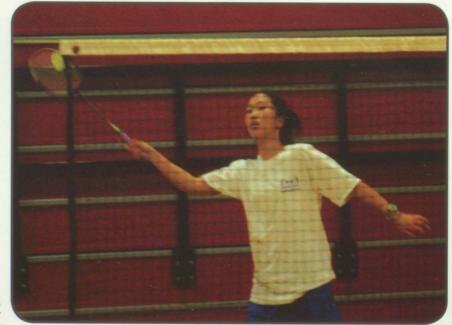
Mr. Strout added that he was optimistic about next year. "We have some good young talent who play with passion and drive and hopefully they'll continue to do that next year." Youngsters like Calvin lam, Ian Candelario, Kevin Lee, Khiem Mai, Jennifer Prajudha, Joanna Leong, and Phuong Vu have already shown considerable talent.

#### **A Long Reach**

Playing singles is tough because you have to cover the whole court by yourself. Here, Tiffany Prajudha strategically reaches for the birdie and sends it back over in her varsity singles match. Photo: Melody Chu

#### **Soft Touch**

One of the team's most experienced players, Katherine Sese shuffles to lightly bump the incoming drop over in her doubles game against Logan. Sometimes finesse is more deadly than a hard shot. Photo: Melody Chu

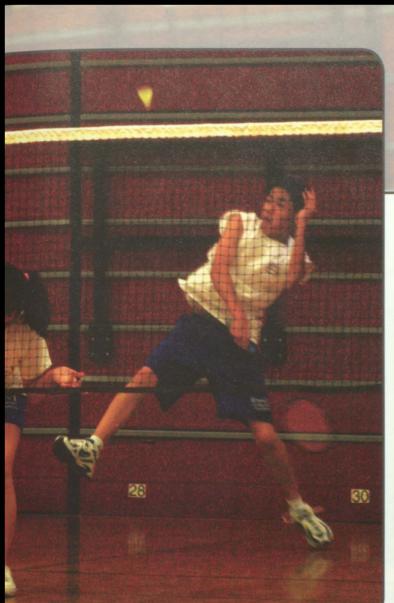




laney Lee | 12

"I've been on the team for four years, and seniority gets you everything. On the food days, you get first pick."





# Instant Reaction

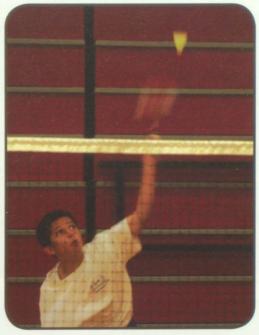
Mixed requires good court awareness and instincts, as Grace Jeong demonstrates. She ducks to prepare for the return while her partner Jeff Dee slams the birdie back over. Photo: Wendy Lao

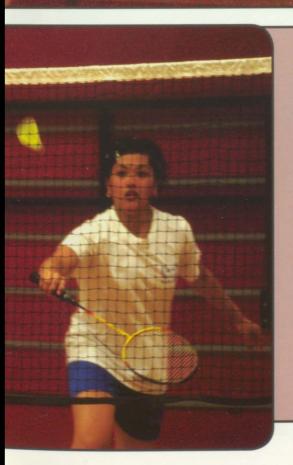
## **Jump Shot**

It's hard to judge sometimes whether the ball's going to land in or out, but Mayank Amin decides to go for it here. Depth perception is a critical part of Badminton. Photo: Melody Chu

# Varsity

Newark (L) 5-12 Mission (L) 4-13 American (W) 16-1 Logan (L) 7-10 Kennedy (W) 13-4 Washington (W) 15-2 Newark (L) 4-13 Mission (L) 3-15 American (W) 11-6 Logan (L) 5-15







# **BADMINTON 2003-2004**

First Row: Tra Truong, Valerie Lim, Tiffanie Pham. Stephanie Leung, Anisha Patel, Heilly Lia, Grace Jeong Second Row: Ting Li, Ying Li, Shuchita Vandra, Ariane Wu, Linda Huynh, Jennifer Yim, Tamanh Nguyen, Carmen Lau, Adrienne Lam, Jennifer Wong Third Row: Man Li, Emily Chan, Katherine Sese, Joy Ro, Jennifer Prajudha, Partlok Ho, Minwias Haider, Jasmine Chung, An-Chieh OuYang, Victoria Jang, Dianne Go, Jennifer Sarninathen, Bebe Nguyen, Kelvin Leung, Kendrick Chow, Coach Steve Strout Fourth Row: Calvin Lam, Zhifeng Zhu, Pamela Mar, Bhumika Patel, Tiffany Prajudha, Alice Cho, Lu Cheng, Bonnie Lui, Sharon Cheng, Christina Zho, Amanda Hoang, Robecca Li, Yi Zhang, Joanna Leong, Serena Hsio Fifth Row: Coach Daniel Sipsy, Rosalind Lai, Anuj Verma, Asuka Nakamura, Mayank Amin, Nancy Wang, Christina Chen, Ian Candelario, Wei-Chen Hsia, Diana Yu, Janey Lee, Minyong Chung, Uyen Mai, Barbara Ly, Johnny Hsleh, Jessica Ji Sixth Row: Christina Tsuei, Zeyuan Pan, Khiem Mai, Yu-Chiao Sun, Jeffrey Dee, Eric Chung, Andrew Tsang, Jason Lee, Pranav Jha, Mustafa Hosseini, Kevin Shen, Watak Ng, Gina Ger, Artel Amberden, Jasminder Singh, Kyaw Soe Seventh Row: Jae Oh, Kevin Ger, Vincent Woo, Hoeyang Liu, Kevin Chu, Ignacio Candelario, Percy LaiPhoto: NW Photography Inc.

By Melody Chu and Jennifer Hsu

# Game of ove



# Seeing Double? Twins on the Court

"We have a better connection because we are brothers as well as friends. Like if he switches sides, I can tell... There are some telepathic things on the court. I can always tell if he's hitting a lob or if he's going for a ground stroke. During a preseason game, I was having a bad day so Faisal served for an entire match. Even though our rackets and shoes were different, our opponents still could not tell the difference. It's not like they'd ask us to bring out our social security cards or something."

- Akram Uraizee | 10

Anchored by seven returning varsity letter-winners, the tennis team's sights were set on a second place finish. While the team unfortunately finished in fourth place again, boys tennis had an amazing season filled with lots of memories.

# SAGA: Any accident stories?

**Kai Li:** Mu-Qing hit an overhead and he nailed this other guy on the noggin. Raman once did a full swing and hit my back, and we all know how hard he hits!

**Raman Bhatia:** You got me in the jaw once though, that made up for it!

SAGA: Funny stories?

**Chris Johnson:** The funniest thing that's happened was when Priyal's pants ripped. Priyal is a joke; that's why he's our inside joke.

**Li:** This one time, Raman fell, and Priyal wanted to fall on top of him.

**Bhatia:** Not WANTED to! He ALMOST fell. We were doing backpedaling during conditioning and I lost my balance.

Eugene Ardissono: Punit kept dressing

up in Raman's sunglasses, hat and glove and he pretended to be Raman.

**Bhatia:** He actually fooled a couple of people. Our coach Erik Bryant was sitting on the ground and Punit went up to him and shook his hand, and Erik said my name and didn't realize it was Punit. When I actually started giving [my stuff] to him, he wouldn't give it back. I was afriad it would end up on eBay and then I'd have to buy it back.

# **SAGA: Best/Worst moments?**

Li: Personally...let's see. Raman and I killed those guys at Washington.

**Bhatia:** The most devastating lost was against Logan, when Nitin and I lost in three sets to the number one doubles team. It was a good match, but it kind of hurt that we lost 3-4. Even though we ended up losing, the whole team ran onto the court. That showed a lot of spirit. **Li:** The second Logan match was worse.

After the first time, every single person on the team vowed we'd smack them into the ground. The team overall lost 3-4. Once again, it was really close.

# JV.

American (W) 7-0 American (L) 2-5 Washington (L) 3-4 Washington (L) 3-4 Newark (W) 7-0 Newark (W) 6-1 Kennedy (W) 7-0 Logan (W) 5-2 Logan (W) 5-2

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Varsity

Mission (L) 1-6 Mission (L) 1-6 Mission (L) 2-5

Nitin Tandan | 10



"You can't spell community without unity... The talent this year was unquestionably good. Even though we were not able to hold up to expectations, we really were talented.

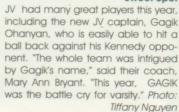
# Jayaram Chandrasekar | 12



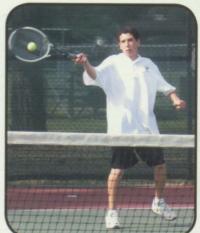
"A lot of people come on Saturdays and Sundays [to practice] even when they don't have to. People really want to get better."



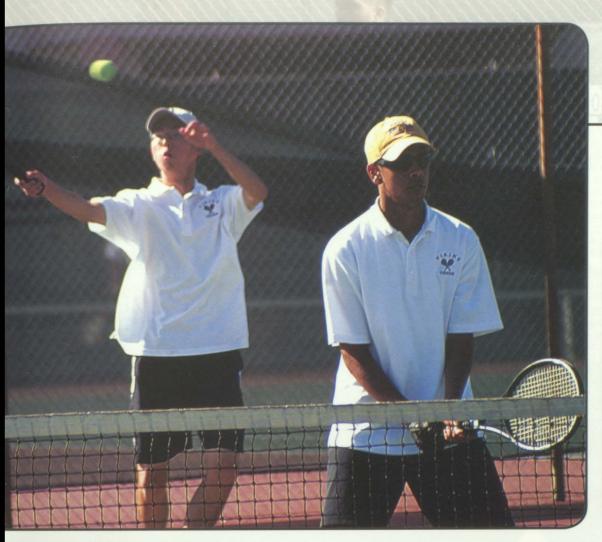
# Sweet Spot



chemistry." Photo: Melody Chu







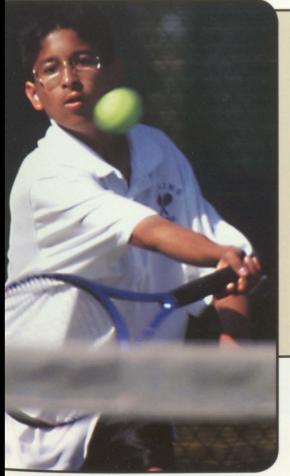
## The Perfect Stance

As Raman Bhatia covers the front of the court, Kai Li returns the ball from the back. They beat their opponents 6-4, 6-3 in this last match against Washington. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

## **Never Off Balance**

#1 varsity player, Sophomore Vikram Prakash powers a streaking ace past his wide-eyed opponent. "I know this season will be the most memorable of my high school career." *Photo: Titfany Nguyen* 







# **BOYS TENNIS 2003-2004**

First Row: Scott Miller, Ankur Agrawal, Punit Bavishi, Fumio Suzuki, Ankur Shingal, Akram Uraizee, Faisal Uraizee, Reza Bahadur, Jon Cao, Gagik Ohanyan, Huy Nguyen Second Row: Krithic Annamalaj, Daniel Rossi, Sumant Pathak, Ankit Kundaria, Michael Tom, Nicholas Low, Mu-Qing Jing, Eugene Ardissono, Nitin Tandan, Usman Qasim Third Row: Coach Mary Ann Bryant, Gagan Hothi, Bobby John, Priyal Sheth, Dewrat Sinha, Chris Johnson, Avinash Kumar, Kevin Tran, Chris Lay, Coach Erik Bryant Back Row: Jayaram Chandrasekar, Raman Bhatia, Varun Patibanda, Randy Zhang, Vikram Prakash, Leo Liberman, Kai Li Photo: NW Photography Inc

# **Forward Rush**

During the home game against American, JV #1 player Ankur Agrawal runs up to the net to smack the ball, eventually winning 8-2. "The best part about tennis is going to Wendy's afterwards with Varun, Eugene and Vikram," says Ankur. "They think I'm cute." Photo: Melody Chu

# Beating the Clock

Rushing between the lanes, Nicole Pietkiewicz races towards the wall in the last lap of the 500 yard freestyle. "Newark's pool was really hot," says Nicole. "I don't think I did as well as I wold have." Photo: Matt Joens

# **Doing it Backwards**

Flying down the pool, Josh Del Carpio competes against other backstrokers. "My favorite stroke is freestyle because it's something simple yet fun to do just like backstroke," comments Josh. *Photo: Matt Joens* 







# GIRL'S & BOY'S SWIMMING 2003-2004

First Row: Quiana Thompson, Nicole Larson, Stephanie Tsuyemvra, Melissa Siew, Kelsey Roldan, Coach Larsen, Kat Ashley, Mitra Naima, Nicole Pietkiewicz, Christy Humphreys, Lauren Avina, Katie Scrivani, Jaclyn Sewell Second Row: Amy Lovlion, Ashley Hasson, Jinnelle Little, Kelsey St. Marie, Alicia Starkey, Katie Whitaker, Katy Holtog, Laurie Holtog, Lainey Seaton, Sarah Baugher, Bethie Koenig, Andrena Rodriquez, Bonnie Swartz, Josh Del Carpio Third Row: Mike Perrins, Clayton Massey, Shannon Davies, Shannon McBride, Jessi Padilla, Deborah Soong, Deeya Hamsing, Sneha Mathrani, Arianna Benedetti, Victoria Lin, Michelle, Ashley Pangelinan, David Pham Back Row: David Deluz, Fabio Covey, Lando Griffith, Lance Washington, Jimmy McMac, Whitey Man, Lee Jae Won, Siarhei Vishnjakou, Steve Hutchings, Chris Hanson. Photo: NW Photography Inc.





Swimming is the accumulation of hard work, commitment, will, and aspiration. The 2004 Irvington Swim Team have just that.

Swimming can be looked at as an individual or a team sport, but however you look at it, we all have the same goal: to get faster. We were all willing to do whatever it took to achieve that. Whether it meant waking up at 5:00 am to practice or swimming 6,000 yards in a two hour time slot, we wanted to continuously beat our biggest competitor: ourselves.

"Practice is really challenging - if we just make our intervals and push ourselves, we'll get faster," comments Jinnelle Little. "If it wasn't for Fernando (JV coach), I wouldn't be where I am - especially this week with MVALs coming up. We hope to at least get second."

Led by Coach Nels Larsen, the Varsity Swim Team was not only successful, but had fun and came together as a family. The Junior Varsity Team, led be Coach Fernando Buchner, improved as well.

"I spent half the year on JV and half the year on Varsity," said Amy Lovlien, "The practices are more aggressive, but I have to say both the practices are a lot of fun and both the JV and Varsity have a bunch of good kids. I did water polo too; just the people I've met in those two sports is an experience in itself."

All in all, swimming for Irvington has been one of the best things that I have ever taken part in. It taught me how to work hard and work together with all different personalities. But in the end, it made me realize how much heart and desire I had inside of me.

Hopefully, everyone else on the team can agree.



# Practice Makes.

"I swim year round - the swim team is so much fun. We had a belly flop contest and we had a breakfast battle (Battle of the Sexes) where we made breakfast for Mr. during spring break. The airls made a dish, the guys made then Larsen a dish. decided was healthier, which tasted better, and stuff like that. Something I love about the swimming team is that it's important for us to win, but we'll always have fun doing it.

- Melissa Siew | 1





### Taking the Dive

After hearing the starter's beep, Katie Whitakker takes a dive to start her race. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

# **Intense Competition**

Working her arm muscles, Jinnelle Little competes for the 100 yard backstroke event. Backstroke and freestyle is one of the standard strokes of swimming. *Photo: Matt* 



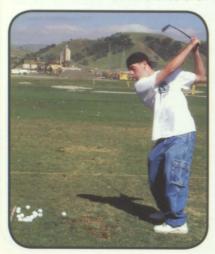
Katy Holtog | 10

"The JV team would have a lot of group bondings. We had a movie night and a T-shirt making party for MVALs. We made T-shirts that had our names on them.



It takes a lot of courage to tee off in front of speculating teams members and their coaches. With this year being Melissa Chen's first year on the golf team, she demonstates her strength and agility when she strikes the ball.

Photo: Jessica Chen







# **IRVINGTON GIRL'S & BOY'S GOLF 2003-2004**

Front Row: J.D. Whitfield, Liz Choo, Michael Huang, Kyle Low, Vick Tandon, Matt Neuman, Melissa Chen. Back Row: Kyle Denne, Jesse Boado, Coach Bob Morales, Anish Godhwani, Clarisse Atienza, Rebecca Lia, Jessica Chen, Jenny Wu, Stephanie Wong, Greg Jeong. *Photo: NW Photography* 



By Jessica Chen

# Test | Tore Patience

Hitting a small white ball into a small white hole. How hard can that possibly be? This feat that sounds so easy is yet the very thing that can turn a grown man into a raging lunatic. With that already in mind, we put on our collar shirts and lace up our spikes to yet another IHS golf season.

Golf is usually an individual sport. Many people do not realize that golf is a mentally challenging sport that demands patience, finesse, grace, steadiness, and some very comfortable golf shoes for the walk. Yes, we do have to carry our own bags, unlike the pro's who gets a caddie to help them.

Now you cannot compare the physical ness of golf to lets say football, but carrying your 25lb of equipment 7,000 yards,

swinging your golf clubs, and having your mental toughness being tested every minute is no simple task. Many of us know it is difficult to come out of a round and not be a little bit frustrated.

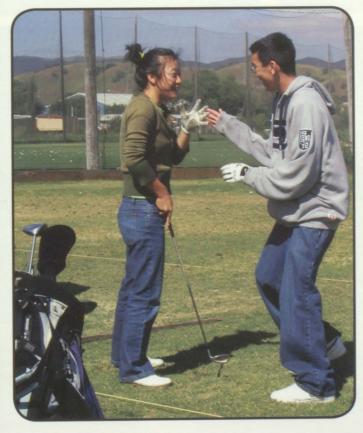
This years season was surely a great success, with an over .500 season. I want to first congratulate and thank our only senior, Liz Choo, who was the only girl in the MVAL's and beated many of guys during the games. The rest of us will be back next year, those of us without broken clubs. I would also like to congratulate Justin Wang for the most improvement I've ever seen in any sport, J.D Whitfield for having an awesome year, and to Kyle Denne: you are the greatest golfer in all the land as far as the ball can fly. I thank everyone on the golf team this year that came out and played, great job and thanks for a wonderful season.



# What Golf Does To a Man

"I never thought Golf would become such a big part of my life. For instance, sometimes I would catch myself naked, practicing my golf swing in front of the mirror before I shower, or checking my grip while sitting on the toilet. It has even got me reading books such as Zen Golf."

Justin Wang | 11



### No...it is THIS way!

Golf can be a very tiring sport. Taking a quick break during golf practice at Sunol Golf Range, Liz Choo and Kyle Lowe discuss which technique is the best way to get the ball over the 200 yard marker. Photo: Jessica Chen

# Putt the Ball In.

Putting, to most would be considered the hardest part of golf. It takes grace, patience, and the correct amount of force to get the ball into the hole. Team captain, Matt Neuman carfully takes a practice swing to insure his putt is prefectly alined with his target. Photo: Jessica Chen

## Clarisse Antiemza | 10

"This year bring my 1st year on the golf team was extremely fun. I met so many people who ended up being really nice. Hopefully we'll have a have a all girls golf team soon."



# J.D Whitfield | 10

"This year was a little different because we lost our main scorer who won MVAL's last year. But you can still tell that people really practiced over the summer to prep for this year."





# Farah Ali | 9

"I can get over the high hurdles, but when I was running over a baby hurdle I tripped and I slid. The dirt got into it and it got infected."



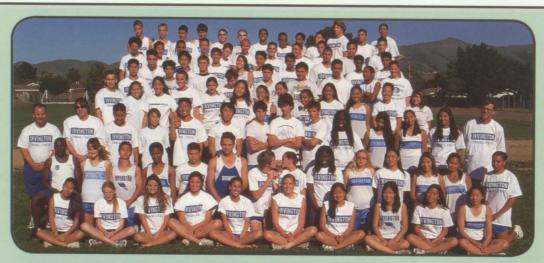
The open 400m race is probably one of the least enjoyable races in track and field. Fanny Koloko-Green and Jessica Jhinnu show their team dedication as they finish the race and get points for the team. *Photo: Caitlin Gallacher* 

## Winning the Race

Leaving his opponents in the dust, Ted Green takes the lead and places first against Washington, helping earn points for the team. *Photo: Caitlin Gallacher* 







# TRACK AND FIELD 2003-2004

Front Row: Mira Yeon, Samantha Smith, Kathleen Smoak, Sara Kayser, Kristina Punwani, Danielle Cain, Stephanie Wong, Jennifer Liu, Tammy Tsai, Yojing Chi Second Row: Robert Turbin, Katle Kester, Shayan Rajabi, Jonathan Cobb, Thomas Weston, Chuck Durham, Chiris Smith. Kimmy Manes, Fanny Kolok-Green, Crystal Rooks, Pamela Hung, Veronica Madrigal, Belyn Lai, Katle Washington Third Row: Coach Wayne Stone, Coach Scott Lewis, Victor Yoon, Lydia Yang, Curlis Takeda, Andrew Chen, Hasan Misherghi, Brandon Martin, Mike Jones, Beverly Koloko-Green, Ameeta Chandra, Farah Ali, Trisha Mittal, Coach Leo O'Neill Fourth Row: Alex Smith, Corey Young, Jessica Shinnu, Allison Ligh, Ashley Juenger, Nyssa Baca, Cathy Gu, Tiffany Ngo, Jessica Yang, Elisa Torate, Natalyn Mock Jerrie Deqninia, Corey Fujioka, Venessa Bahney Fifth Row: David Kim, Henry Chen, Grant Miller, David Bahney, Fabien Zadno, Steven Nguyen, Keoni Kalawaia, Chris Gobb, Katle Schall Sixth Row: David Cosgrave, Tommy Liu, Kevin Phan, Juanna Wang, Kristopher Chow, Niikkil Singl, Corey Minhas, Rajeeu Kristipali, Zafir Shaiq Seventh Row: Matt Galdin, Anthony Nao, Raymun Kokli, Tim Camara, Michael Mayes, Anthony Zmolek, Nathan Ziman, Fermin Cruz, Anthony Tujillo, Michael Chen, Francisco Marquez Back Row: Jordan Clark, Brandon Zunwalt, Daniel Morrissey, Jeffrey Zmolek, Patrick Herndoa, Jack Hustling, Ted Green, Stephen Lee, Tyler Broom, Jeff Stepan, Jason Cain, Madison Miller, Dane France Photo: NW photography Inc.







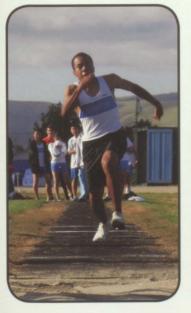
Although the Irvington Track team went through some huge changes this year, we finished our season with some wonderful accomplishments and a great record. This was the first year that Coach Stone was the head coach of the track team, an it took awhile for everyone to get used to his techniques.

More than 100 students came out for track this year, and having such a large group definitely helped us defeat our biggest competitors. Mission San Jose has always been our biggest rival, but this year we had our goal set on beating another MVAL team. Runners, jumpers, vaulters and throwers all came together to take the win over Washington High School, something that hasn't been done in years.

Track and field was a lot more serious and competitive this year, but that's not to say we never had fun. The Dork Olympics and invitational bought us closer as a team, something that is hard to do with

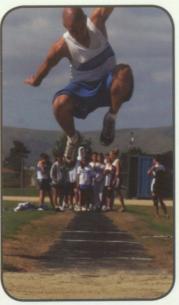
over 100 people in the group. Another change I saw in the track team thus this year was that many of the seniors and juniors took the time to introduce themselves to newcomers at different events. During practice you could look around and always see someone helping a new member with starting blocks, vaulting strategy, jumping bounds or throwing techniques. Track and Field has always been an individual sport, but my last year on this team will be memorable because of the large amount of unity.

We went up against many difficult schools this year, and I think many people would agree that it is not easy to get up and race at 8 o'clock on a Saturday morning, or spend your lunchtime setting up for a dual meet. But I think everyone on our team would also agree that all of the sacrifice is worth it when you get to take the medal home or read about our win in the newspaper. While Track and Field is not a very close team sport, w all came together when it was necessary to pull out a tough victory, clean up after a meet or sing the Squirrel Song!



### I Believe I can Soar

For some, clearing a two foot high object is a challenge, but freshman Trisha Mittal couldn't think of anything easier. *Photo: Caitlin Gallacher* 



# Run...

The first step to making a perfect jump is sprinting down the runway. Steven Lee does an excellent job demonstrating this as he gives it his all. Photo: Caitlin Gallacher

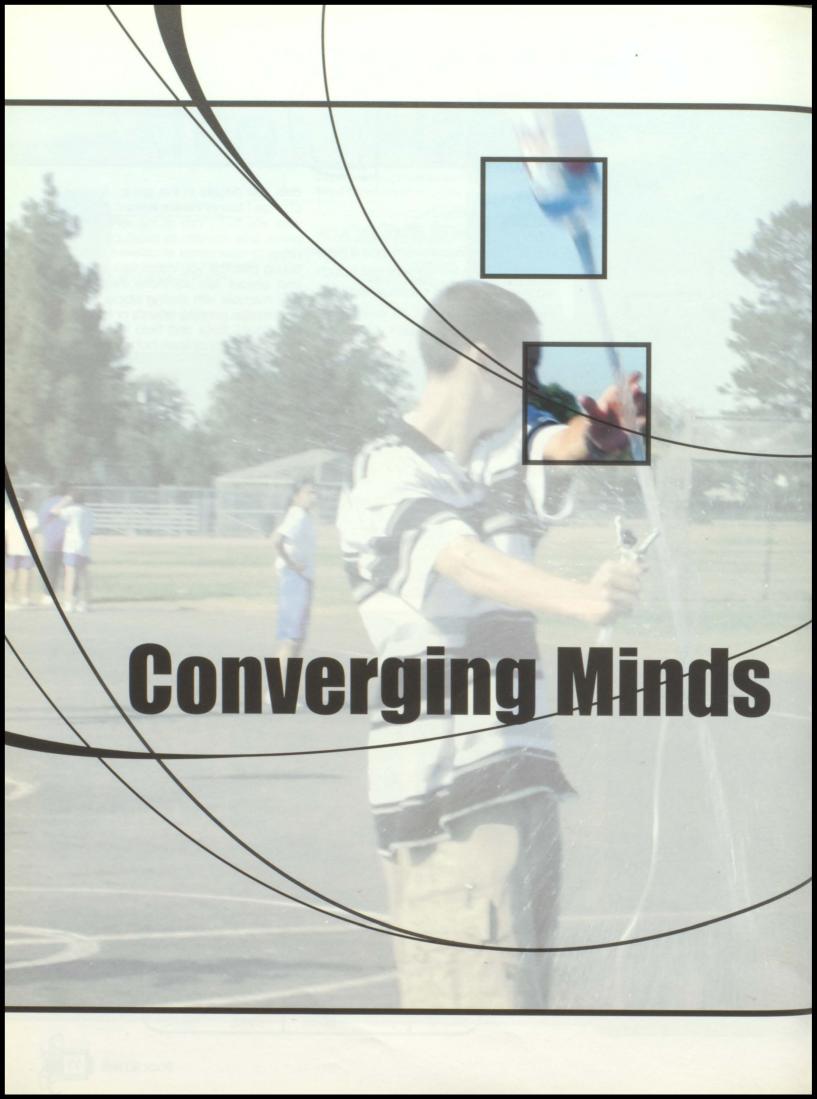
## Jump...

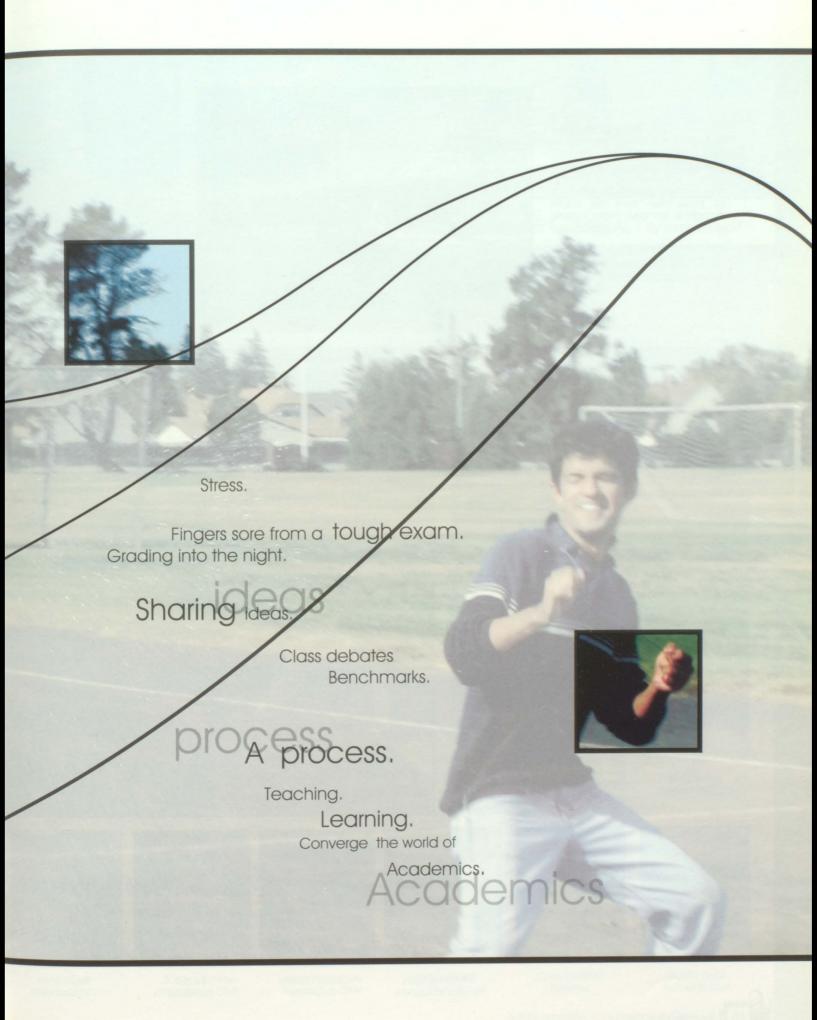
The second step requires you to fly through the air in hopes of gaining distance. Anthony Zmolek demonstartes step two as he gets some air. Photo: Caitlin Gallacher

### Land.

The final step in completing a jum is landing. Sara Kayser does a great job demonstrating this step as she sticks out her legs in hopes of gaining a few more inches, *Photo: Caitlin Gallacher* 

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## **Halloween Spirit**

Even though the people in the office are all dressed up for Halloween, Ms. Flores and Ms. Donna Hartigan are still diligently doing their work. Photo:

Melody Chu





# Step Into My Office

Irvington's complex student issues require frequent discussions, and Mr. Stull and Mr. Franco are glad to take some time to meet with Ms. Martens. With so many students to take care of, these three have little respite throughout the day. Photo: Eugene Sapozhnikov

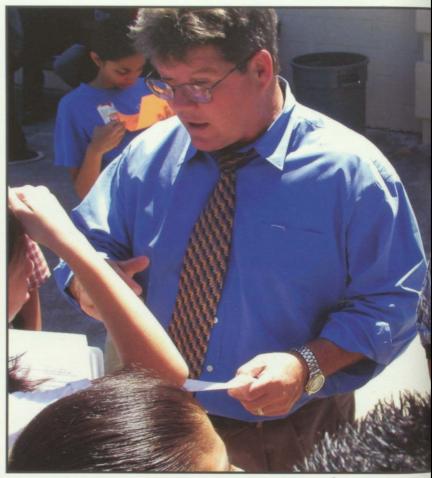
# All in the Mind

Joking with a horrified student, Ms. JoAnn Stooksberry assures that the knife through her head is just part of her Halloween costume. "The office is a link between the students and their parents," she says. *Photo: Melody Chu* 



# **Always Helpful**

Baking under the hot September sun,
Mr. Murchison and Mr. Bailey listen to
student schedule concerns. The first
few days of school were a frantic
scramble to make sure all of the
students had good schedules. Photo:
Melody Chu





Donna Hartigan Principal's Secretary



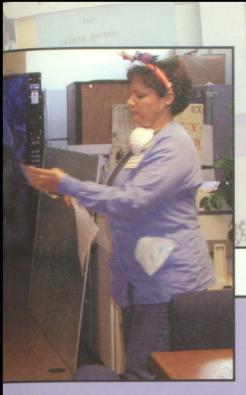
Leticia Velazco Counselor



Bill Stull Counselor



Bob Franco Counselor





# ADMINISTRATION COUNSELORS & CLERICAL By Kasia Zarzycki



Have you ever been sitting in a class, bored out of your mind, when sud-

denly, out of the blue, an ANGEL comes bursting through the door? She hands your teacher a stack of passes and time seems to stand still, giving you a chance to chat with your friends.

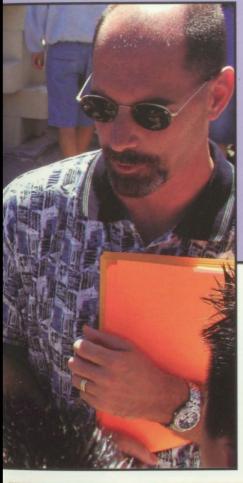
I have, and I know that those angels with the little slips are office TAs, because that's what I do during sixth period.

Being an office TA has its privileges. I can walk into any classroom on campus on official business and the teachers can't get mad at me. I'm also in the loop on all the drama that happens at school, which can be pretty interesting. Of

course, I can't talk about a lot of it, but just knowing about it and who was involved before anyone else knows is rewarding. Best of all, the office staff comes to know and love you, so if you ever need a favor, they're more than willing to help you out.

Of course, there's a downside to it all: INVENTORY! Every now and then, I have to get every teacher to tell me exactly how many boxes of staples and working dry erase markers they have. Being absent was not an option either. When you work for the women who keep track of attendance, cutting becomes extra difficult. Not that anyone at THIS school cuts...

But through it all, there is never a dull day in the office, and having it sixth period always gave me a great finish to the day. I've often heard people complain that it's cold in the office, but when you run around as much as I do, it's not a problem anymore.





Pete Murchison Principal



Dave Howell Vice Principal



Karen De Baca Martens Assistant Principal



Greg Bailey Assistant Principal



Linda Ezell Attendance Clerk



SueAnn Ramos Attendance Clerk



JoAnn Stooksberry Attendance Clerk



Sharon Flores



Cindy Lankford Registrar



Violetta Nunn Accounts Clerk

# Maintaining the Irvington Communit



# **Hey Gloria...** What's the best part of your job?

"I know it sounds cliche, but I just love coming back to all the kids. Just seeing their faces, seeing their smiles... it just makes everything worth it, and I really love my job. I always look forward to coming here every morning, because there is never a dull moment or day."

- Gloria De La Hoz

# SUPPORT STAFF By Tiffany Nguyen



he closer the hands of the clock reach noon (or 12:10 on block days), the more

excited I get. It's almost time for lunch! Once the bell finally rings, my friend and I zoom off to get food, ignoring the falling candy wrappers from random peopleafter all, it's just a couple of pieces of loose trash.

After waiting for just a few minutes in a seemingly endless line, we get our food, and the rest of the day just seems like a blur... at least until it comes time for the countdown to 2:30. For many people it's the end of school, and it's time to go home and never look back for that day.

Finally, after taking a good look at how our school works, I realize how every break

for the students must be exhausting for everyone on the support staff. The 'loose trash' from those couple of people? Multiply that by at least a thousand trash adds up quickly. The lunch lines, in actuality, move very quickly because the workers in the cafeteria serve and re-stock food at lightning speed. And jumping for joy once the bell rings to signal the end of the school day? For many of the custodians, that's when their day starts.

Our support staff does so much to help take care of us. Many of them don't get as much attention as teachers because we don't have time for bonding conversations in the lunch line, and many students are gone or busy after school. I was able to shadow a couple of custodians one day after school and believe me, we're so lucky we're surrounded by administrators, custodians, security, and cafeteria workers who give us so much.

# ...And The Mess Goes POOF!

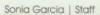
Ever wonder how all that dust on the floor of your classroom disappear by the next day? Thanks to the dedication of custodians like Bill McGaffey, our school is nice and tidy. Photo: Tiffany Nguyen

### Quick! Look Over There!

Pointing at a photo on the other side of the room, Huck starts another one of his interesting stories. Many students like Mitzi Gutierrez just like to hang out in his room by the portables. Photo: Tiffany Nguyen







"When my daughter went through high school, she was really successful. I love seeing the kids here grow smarter and stronger.



Al Huckaby Maintenance



Angela Silva Food Service



Alex Smith Campus Security



JoAnn Starr-Flanagar Food Service





# MEDIA PRIVACY



# Food Break!

Busy providing the students with their food, Cynthia Campbell hurriedly collects money and gives change back. Although the students consider this time "break," it's one of the busiest for these ladies. Photo: Tiffany Nguyen

# Is That Real?

Along with working at Irvington, Bob Johnson also likes to hunt animals. Many of these are displayed within the 'Corral,' the maintenance storage area. Photo: *Tiffany Nguyen* 



# Back at Base

Working hard after lunch, Alex Smith and Officer Sanders keep things orderly on campus. Their office is in room 4 so it is close to the office and accessible to students. Photo: Eugene Sapozhníkov



Cynthia Campbell Food Service



Manjit Dhillon Food Service



Virginia Dickhart Food Service



Anna Maria Gomez Food Service



Karen Hauzer Food Service

## **Taste the Statistics**

In order to prepare for an M&M lab involving distribution of colors, Ms. Beth Rothfuss separates the plain M&Ms from the peanut ones. During the year, M&Ms suddenly changed the distribution of their colors so the second lab involving them did not work out as planned. Photo: Melody Chu

## **Sometimes Animated**

This year Mr. Raj Nagra has to teach sixth classes without a prep. "Mr. Nagra's ability to make the class laugh allows him to interact with students personally and make the material fun for them to learn," says Raman Bhatia, his 6th period TA. Photo: Kai Li







# **Silent Observer**

In Honors Algebra 2/Trig, freshman Michelle Lin listens as Ms. Yan teaches the class how to work with polynomial numbers. Ms. Yan teaches one period of math in addition to four periods of Mandarin. Photo: Melody Chu

# Radians

Pre-calculus is a tough subject, but Ms. Asha Pathania is very willing to help Vanessa Peters understand it. Vanessa's tough schedule of AP US history, chemistry and soccer in the winter. Photo: Julia Green



Alex Wong | 11

"I like math because it keeps my brain thinking and wondering. My favorite class was geometry because it allowed for creativity."



# It All Adds Up to

# des and Evens

# MATH DEPARTMENT By Julia Green



ath may not be easy, but our math teachers always take the time

to help each individual student when they need help with the subject. Instead of just a standard curriculum, many of us are given the opportunity to take special math classes and to do projects to help us understand the subject better. So that leads us to the question... why do the math teachers want to teach math?

Pathania: I love math and I just hope to convey my love of math to the students.

Norton: I started teaching in the 1960s for the wrong reasons. I thought it would be easy, lots of vacation time, but it's not. I wanted to teach because I love kids. I want to have happy, productive kids. I enjoy math because it's structured; 7x9=63 all of the time.

Lau: I wanted to be a teacher and it was between math and English; I thought math was the more flexible subject. When I began studying math I realized it was very artistic and that I really enjoyed it.

Vila-Yuan: I have a math and computer science degree and I worked in the programming field for nine years. stopped working to raise my kids, but when they went to high school I realized that there are a lot of atrocious teachers. I wasn't working so I decided to become a math teacher.

Cain: When I took math in high school i really enjoyed it and I wanted to pass that on to my students.

Rothfuss: When I was in high school, I was completely passionate about math but I never seemed to find a teacher who shared my enthusiasm. By becoming a math teacher I hope to share my love for math to those students who are equally zealous about mathematics.



Uniformity of Ms. Karen Lin

"Once I was strolling down the hall and I came across room 71. I was afraid to open the door because Ms. Lin hates disruptions. I'm glad I did though because I got this awesome picture of her smiling. Ms. Lin always makes her students stay on task, and she is able to work through an entire period without losing focus. Eventually, even I was able to concentrate for an entire period. Oh, and that time she gave Khadar and Kai the 'Lin look of death' for talking to each other? I confess, it was actually me talking. There, I came clean."

Husain Misherghi | 12



Skip Cain Algebra 1, Algebra 1B PreAlgebra, RC



Suzanne Eicher Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B Pre-Calculus, Algebra 1B



Michelle Lau Geometry Honors



Karen Lin Algebra2/Trig Honors, AP Calculus



Raj Nagra Algebra2/Trig Honors, Algebra 1B, Algebra 1



Jim Norton Geometry, Algebra2/trig



Asha Pathania Pre-Calculus, Geometry, Algebra 1A



Beth Rothfuss Department Chair AP Statistics, AP Calculus



Ray Spooner Geometry, Algebra 1B



Mike Thompson Pre-Calculus Honors, Geometry Honors



Sun Vila-Yuan Algebra2/Trig, Discovering Geometry

# Doomed to Repeat

# The Many Battles in History...

A trip to our nation's capitol was not only about visiting historical monuments; the students also got to see their teachers' fun side during a pitstop at the ESPN arcade. Mr. Musto started off with a loss to Chris Johnson at air hockey. The real winner, however, was Ms. Cook-Kallio, who got a little respite from the constant stress of chaperoning a bunch of seniors.

# SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT By Manika Casterline

Exploring our teachers' views on social studies; past and present



Saga: How do you attempt to make history more applicable through student participation?

Faitel: Teaching the

content is just a tool for getting them to learn the skills that they will need after school is over. You may not remember the information once you leave school, but you will hopefully retain the skills that you have gained. Cook-Kallio: I tell stories that are interesting and then point out similarities to current day events that they may be aware of or not. Often times you breathe an interest in history that will cause them to pursue it after they leave high school. Shadduck: I like doing things such as role playing games that help the students understand what has happened, it makes it feel like they have actually gone through it themselves. Saga: How do you feel about Arnold Schwarzeneager being

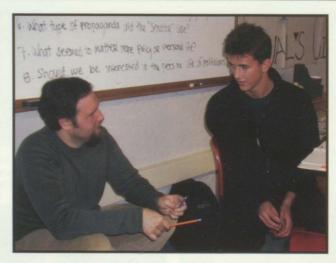
elected the governor of California? Woodrum: I hope that he surrounds himself by intelligent capable people. I think it would be awful if people just give up on him because he is Arnold when he could possibly have great potential. Shadduck: Arnold is horrid. didn't vote for him and I think it makes California look like a joke. Faitel: He's got a lot to learn, and hopefully he figures things out very quickly because we have a lot of issues to deal with. Cook-Kallio: To choose to uncooperative on principles seems to me you are kind of spiting yourself in the long run. Regardless of how you felt when this election happened you have to live with the results because that is what a democracy is. Like it or not, Governor Schwarzenegger is the governor of California. I would be stupid not to wish him the most success possible because his success will obviously be the success of the state and I love my state.

# **Just A Second**

Quest is a time consuming benchmark which takes the better part of an academic year. In a spare moment Senior Eric Morris turns to Mr. Canavero for help regarding his Quest consultant. Photo: Manika Casterline

# **Steps Of The White House**

On the trip to Washington D.C., Irvington students visited the room where the Indian Treaty was signed. While in the room, they took pictures of the snipers on top of the White House. Photo: Kevin Zhu





David Parsons | 11

"The future is affected by every moment in time. History is the story of those great moments that have changed time forever."



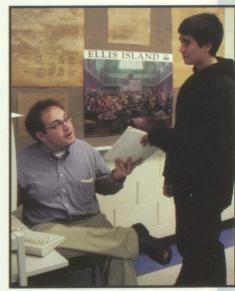


## **Fun History**

Even though Winnie Barquero is one of Ms. Alexis Woodrum's 5th period students, she still manages to stop by during 6th to get some questions answered. Ms. Woodrum is an Irvington alumna that graduated in the class of 1999. Photo: Melody Chu

## **Check Please**

Weekly notebook checks are a routine part of the agenda. Mr. Steven Musto ensures that Eugene Ardissono has done the homework by glancing through the pages. "I think the main problem is that students are not doing their current events," says Mr. Musto. Photo: Manika Casterline







Cheryl Cook-Kallio Department Chair U.S. History AP U.S. History We the People



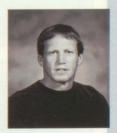
Jennifer Hillier Government/Econ U.S. History



Scott Lewis Academy Geography Academy World History



Steven Musto AP Government/Econ World History Honors



Jaime Richards Psychology 1



Mark Shadduck U.S. History World History



Audrey Suratos World History World History Honors



Victoria Vincench World History Honors World History CCA U.S. History



Alexis Woodrum Government/Econ World History

# Between The Lines



We don't often get a married couple as new teachers. certainly not ones the same department. Because they have similar classes, Mr. Hedlund and Ms. Hedlund get twice the experience. have dynamic, presences commanding in class, and they have become a hit with students already.



# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT By Kevin Zhu

# Talented staff brings the English language back to life



English is both the easiest and hardest thing you'll ever encounter in your life.

After all, you probably

grew up with English. You speak, read, write, and think in English, so it seems like learning English should be very simple.

In reality, it's not simple at all. English is a fluid combination of tradition and innovation, with a dazzling amount of nuances. While the process of writing seems overwhelmingly open-ended, it's actually quite difficult to find a style that won't make you sound like an idiot. It is this difficulty that most people take for granted, to the detriment of their writing.

However, it helps that they have a very solid and dedicated English department to help them both appreciate and practice the most essential arts of communication. With 17 teachers, 11 of them veterans, English is a huge department, in no small part due to its standing as the only subject in which four years are required for graduation.

The classes themselves are not just about reading and writing - there are a lot of movies and drama exercises involved. In addition to the dreaded freshman benchmark, UN, and QUEST projects, most classes will also do fun joint projects with other classes, like the sophomore shoe project. The teachers like to keep things as dynamic as possible; after all, English is life.

Of course, there's no avoiding those accursed benchmarks, especially QUEST. However, repeated draft revisions and tireless dedication by the department can greatly ease the strain of these daunting papers. In the end, these experiences only serve to develop and enrich one's character.



Melissa Antonacci English 11, English 12



Belinda Brackett
English 10 CCA / CCA
Honors, English 12,
Department Head



Marek Breiger English Honors 9, AP English 11



Elizabeth Ernst English 9 CCA / CCA Honors, AP English 11



Jennifer Hedlund English 10, English 11



Kyle Hedlund English 10, English 11



Liz O'Connor English 9 CCA, AP English 11



Rebekah Reddy ELD Level 2 / Level 3, Humanities English 12



Courtney Shropshire English 9 Honors English 12



Daniel Sipsy ELD 1 Connections, English 9, English 11



Bobby Spain English 10, English 12





# The Hardest Part

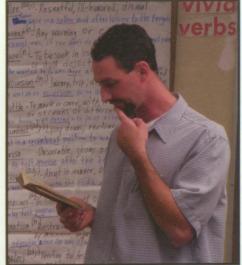
Formulating a good question is the hardest part of QUEST, and Ms. Courtney Shropshire, attempts to ease her students through the steps. QUEST is an unavoidable fact of life at Irvington, but the help of teachers like Ms. Shropshire makes the process much easier. Photo: Kevin Zhu

# And the Rabbits, George?

Class readings are normally dreary, dull events in English classes, but Mr. Zeljak's dramatic rendition of Of Mice and Men easily gets his students' attention. His hands-on method of teaching makes him a favorite of many. Photo: Kevin Zhu

## **Cultural Relevance**

All dressed up to go to a debate tournament, Kushal Kadakia talks with Ms. McAuley about literature they discussed in class. It's easy to apply English lessons to real life situations. Photo Kevin Zhu





Teri Hu AP English 12 Publications 1/2



Skye Langs English 10 / 10 Honors



Allison McAuley English 10 Honors



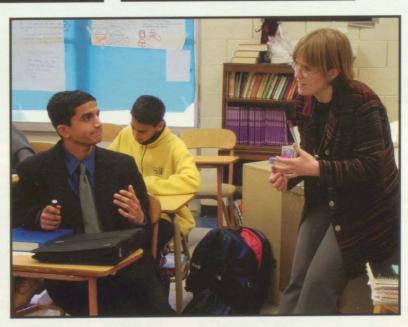
Katie Tallorin English 9 Honors



Mary Williamson English 9, English 11



Mark Zeljak ELD 1/1 Writing, English 9



# All the Right Elements



# Ice Cream-istry...? With Mr. Lee!

### Ingredients:

Ice
Rock Salt
1 Cup Cream
1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
2 Ziplock Bags (One Small,
One Large)

### **Directions:**

- Layer rock salt and ice in the large ziplock bag
- Mix cream, sugar and vanilla in the smaller ziplock bag, then seal and place inside the larger one.
- Turn the contents until the ice cream obtains a desired consistency.
- 4. "Serve and enjoy!" Mr.

# SCIENCE DEPARTMENT By Jennifer Hsu



purpose: To provide an enriching class curriculum for students taking anatomy

and physiology, biology, chemistry, environmental science, physics, and physical science.

# Hypothesis

Diverse teaching strategies (like Dr. Jack's method of letting students vote on what lab they want to do) will encourage students to have scientific curiosity, rather than kill it.

### Procedure:

- 1. Demonstrations: For example, Mrs. Zimmerman demonstrates the chemistry of a can of regular Pepsi sinking while a can of Diet Pepsi floats.
- 2. Projects: To learn more about cells in Dr. Jack's Biology class, students build a real life model using everyday objects as analogies. In the end, they have a "Cell City."
- 3. Lab Reports: In Mr. Lee's chemistry

class, students learn about surface area by scattering marbles across a table and then shooting more marbles to observe the chances of impact between them.

4. Have Some Fun: After a year of work, Mr. Lee's students are to pick a chapter they learned then present it in a "fun" manner; that includes singing a song, building a model, or even dancing in front of the

# Conclusion

Besides students, teachers benefit as well. Mr. Lee reflects: "I try to teach chemistry on a level they can relate to - that way it can make more sense for them."

whole class (how embarassing).

The 9th grade benchmark, the Change Project, includes using the scientific method. "[The students] are so comfortable with the scientific method procedure - I was surprised by their maturity," says Dr. Jack.

# **Discuss Where Errors Occur:**

What errors? Just kidding. Students can learn from their mistakes - that's what science, and life, are all about.



Sulakshna Anand AP Biology Env. Science



Wai-Pai Chan Anatomy & Physiology Biology Chemistry



Josh Hill Biology Physical Science



Omubo Jack Biology Biology Honors



Alex Lee
AP Chemistry
Chemistry
Department Chair



John Macuk AP Physics Physics



Daniel Pearce Env. Science Physical Science CCA Physical Science



Tiffany Russow Biology Env. Science



Gordon Sanford Biology Forensics Science



Stacey Wallace Physical Science



Mary Zimmerman Chemistry



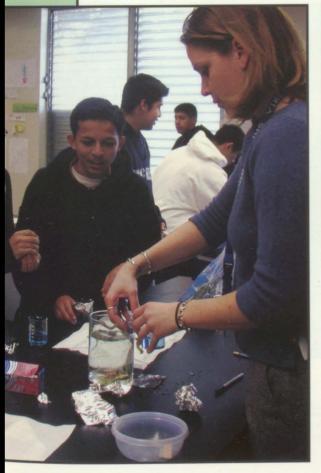
# **Breaking Point**

By adding more and more weights Mr. Macuk tests the strength of the toothpick bridge built by Jayne Law, Nikita Patel, Rina Mehta, and Carol Lieu. What took them at least fifteen hours to make collapsed in five minutes, but not before holding 140 Newtons (about 31.5 pounds). *Photo: Jennifer Hsu* 

## Oh I See...

Chemistry's many mysteries are solved for Tamara Arias by Ms. Zimmerman. Labs such as the one pictured here are integral to the curriculum of science classes. *Photo: Kyle Stephens* 







# Mr. Chan Teaches Chem

Applying the chlorophyll, Mr. Chan helps Patrice Russell, Melody Sesma and Danielle Cain with their lab. They had to crush leaves, put the remains on the strip, and observe how far the chlorophyll moves off the strip. *Photo: Kyle Stephens* 

# Its All Relative

As her students Shakira Scott and Mayank Amin cringe, Ms. Tiffany Russow tries to get a live fish from a beaker full of dead ones. The fish were used for a lab on respiration. *Photo: Nisat Chowdhury* 

# Louis Donesa | 11

"I think the science department is great. I've learned stuff like astronomy, which has some math that I like."



# Unique Self-expression



Casey Clifton | 9



Leslie Szeto | 11



# VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT By Jennifer Hsu

Art helps students and teachers to expand, evolve, and express

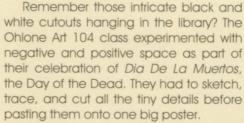


that you have to be good at art to like it - or love it.

Many projects in Irvington's art program show just how unlimited art can actually be.

Take the infamous Bird Project for example. Mr. Moran states, "Each year, students moan and groan, but they always come back to me saying, 'Hey Mr. Moran, remember the Bird Project?" It may only seem like collected trash, but it's amazing what bottle caps, old rags, empty bottles, or pine cones can become.

In the 3D field, students continue to stretch their creative synapses via the Slab Sculpture Project in Ms. Pate's Sculpture and Ceramics class. Form, texture, and color are all part of the critique.



Abstract Self-Portrait Project: "They had to have three paintings... then cut the paintings and make it into one," Ms. Pate explains. The end result displays a combination of techniques and styles that ultimately becomes a piece of self-expression.

Finally, when one arrives in the AP realm, the strict rules are finally dropped. Students are at last free to express themselves by using the different mediums they were trained to use in the previous years.



Sarah Sheikh | 10



Carol Lieu | 12



Jasvir Singh | 10



Kate Denis Art Spectrum, & Beginning/Intermediate



Summer Halverson Photo 1, 2, & AP



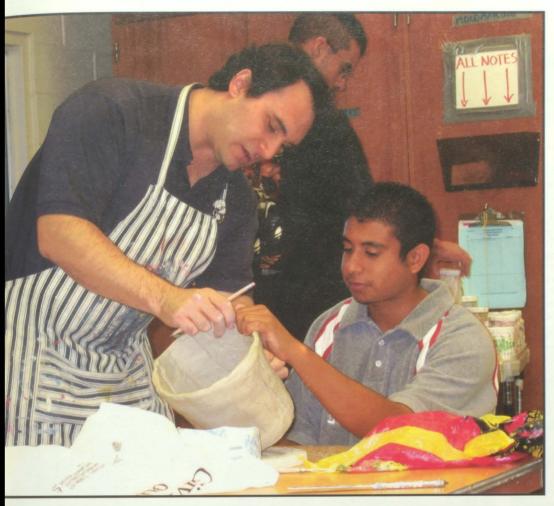
Robert Moran Art 1, Ohlone Art 104A, Studio, & Studio AP



Susan Pate
Art 1, Sculpture/
Ceramics, Studio, &
Studio AP
Department Chair



Joe Rozewski Art 1, & Sculpture/ Ceramics



# **Artistic Imprints**

Textures can be found everywhere; Mr. Joe Rozewski helps Lehi Gomez, a senior, create different designs on his pot. The project was the Slab Plant Project in the Ceramics/Sculpture class. Photo: Jennifer Hsu

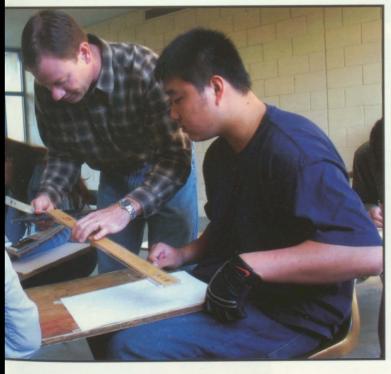
# "Almost Like Jazz Music..."

During the class critique, junior Michelle Choi starts to explain the piece that she made in Ms. Susan Pate's Ceramics/Sculpture class. The colorful blue and yellow glazes topped off the effect. Photo: Jennifer Hsu

# The Wonders of Photoshop

In the AP photography class, Andrea Rodriguez takes a flash disk from Ms. Summer Halverson to upload some of her digital photos. In Photography 2 and up, students start experimenting with Photoshop. Photo: Jennifer Hsu

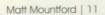






# Paper, Pencil, and a T-Square

Out in the hallways in second period, Mr. Moran shows Da-wei Hao how to set up the hallway perspective drawing. Once the basic skeleton is down, each line of bricks have to be drawn in. Photo: Jennifer Hsu



"A picture shows you things that you can't remember or see for yourself."



# Ginny Wang | 12

"I see a chair and I can think of ways to paint it... I guess I think everything can be made into art."



# Do ray mi fa so la ti do...

Conductor Lee Glover plays the piano as she sings along with her student Kyle Padilla to help him exercise his voice. Vocal warm-ups are a part of a daily routine. Photo: Erin Pangilinan

# **Singing Like Angels**

Practicing the pianissimo piece, "Angels We Have Heard on High," Jenessa How and Krishelle Torres sing in class. These traditional pieces are some of the old time favorites during the Winter Concert. Photo: Erin

# **Practice Makes Perfect Harmony**

"Gloria in Excelsis" is one of the prominent pieces that senior Ray Spicer enjoys singing. His low bass voice gives chorale its distinct tone every morning class. Photo: Erin Pangillinan







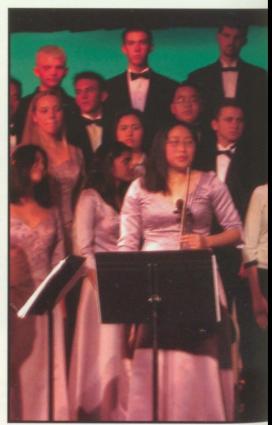
# **Chamber Chorale**

First Row: Victoria Tang, Kimberly Harrison, Amanda Medeiros, Kasia Zarzycki, Kyle Padilla, Sabrina Habel, Sarah McGaffey, Jaclyn Sewell, Rachel Dearing Second Row: Mindy Lindsay, Erwin Kong, Krupa Andalkar, Danny Na, Vanessa Simmons, Carlos Villencia, Dustin Millward, Melody Prince, Liwei Tsao, Brittany Jenesse, Zechariah Feng, Anna Shull Back Row: Sarah Chun, Aubrey Burnham, Austin Taylor, Stephanie Walker, Evan Boomer, Brittany How, Ray Spicer, Krishelle Torres, Jonathon Canada, Alicia Starkey, Donald Nurge, Mandy Winkley, Evelyn Lim Not Pictured: Jacob Ruse



"The best thing about Choir I is the teacher, Ms. Glover. She treats us like we are equals."





# Their Hearts Out

# VOCAL MUSIC By Erin Pangilinan

Our musical groups entertained audiences at an abundance of events

Ctober 16 - Thor Throats sang at the Alameda Teacher of the Year awards for Newark Memorial and San Leandro High Schools at Chabot College.

**December 1** - The lights illuminated the angelic voices of combined chamber choirs harmonized a cappella at the McDonald's Tree of Angels Event. "It was a stunning experience," John Canada recalls.

**December 9** - As a part of their yearly tradition, Thor Throats performed classy dance and song routines at the Elks Club.

**December 11** - Chamber Chorale and Choir II performed various songs at the annual Winter Concert in Valhalla. **December 18** - With lungs of steel, Chamber Chorale sang at the Performing Arts Club Winter Assembly all day in Valhalla.

**April** - These multi-talented singers served pancakes while they sang tunes during the annual breakfast at the Odd Fellows. They entertained family and friends to fundraise for their Choir Tour.

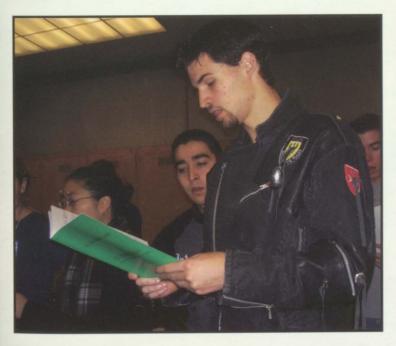
May 13-15 Collaborating with Mission San Jose High School and San Leandro High School, Chamber Chorale took a road trip to SoCal visiting Disneyland and various high schools to sing and dance.

May 27 - The Spring Concert is the last performance of the year. The combined choir brought tears to the audience.



"After months of perfecting a cappella, gospel, and religious carols, the Winter Concert finally came. We sang holiday favorites like "Angels We Have Heard on High" and clapped with the audience in "Great is the Lord." Along with the Thor Throats' jazzy dance moves, students, teachers, and family united together through the beauty of music."

- Evelyn Lim



### Choir I & II

First Row: Christina Haas, Kelsey St. Marie, Emmy Jamison, Cindy Tran, Eliza Wicksted, Lydia Leonard, Crystal Rooks, Bebe Nguyen, Samantha Vo , Vivian Sun, Jennifer Domire-Huertas 2nd Row: Patricia Russell, Rashell Johnson, Britanny Jenesse, Amy Collins, Stacy Dayley, Rob Mishra, Kevin Feliciano, Shawn Engley, Melissa Alvernaz, Roxanne Garcia, Meghann Bird, Renee Wong Back Row: Alexandra Piccolotto, Shannon Davies, Robyn Hutchings, Kasia Zarzycki, Martin Kludjian Jr., Randy Estrada, Ryan Miller, Donna Androwsky, Jhalisa Walker, Jessica Toro, Erin Coker Not Pictured: Stephanie Brunton, Shannon Caldwell, Caitlin Chrisp, Gabrielle Marriott, Sarah McGaffey, Keith McQuilliams, Kim Rickett, Jen Saminathen

# Multi-talented Musician

Playing the violin with her Mission San Jose High School buddies, Sarah Chun performs "Gloria in excelsis." Featured soloists like Sarah often play at the Winter Concert in Valhalla annually. *Photo: Erin Pangillinan* 



Jaclyn Sewell | 11

"I made a lot of new friends this year by being a part of Thor Throats and Chamber Chorale; you really bond with people you don't normally see."

# Naking the Band



# "One Time At Band Camp.."

That famous line brings a smile to Brienne Peixoto's face; it also brings back memories of her own band camp experience. "We did drill downs (Simon Says). If you messed up, even laughed a little or moved a little, you were eliminated. We went down till there was one person left, usually a freshman against somebody older. It wasn't scary, but a lot of fun."

# NSTRUMENTAL MUSIC By Manaf Mansure



or four long, demanding years, I have played the clarinet in the

Irvington band. Because it perfects a hidden endowment with constant practice and rehearsal, band has always been an outlet for my artistic endeavors. However, I never really understood the life lessons that band could teach.

Like any freshman, my first year of high school was incredibly intimidating. Luckily, band soothed this difficult transition. Band became a microcosm of high school, a class full of seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. Not only was band a puzzling tumult of life, it also became my comfort zone in the overwhelming

frenzy called high school. As the year continued, I realized how lucky I was to be part of such a group.

Belonging to band is truly a wonderful gift. We get to build school spirit by performing at rallies or football games. By holding local concerts, we get to share our talents with our school and our community. We also get to represent the school and the city through our marching competitions. Being a band member makes a person rather busy, but it's a labor of love more than anything else.

Band has taught me a valuable message: people change, people grow, people come, and people go. Every year, an existing group of the band family departs as a new group arrives. Being a senior, I hate to say goodbye to the family. I understand that I have come, and now it is time for me to go.



During the middle of the homecoming game, the Marching Band filled the stadium with their vibrant tunes. Their skills matched the football team's talent as the Vikinas took the victory that night. Photo: Tyler Underwood





Jordan Parkhurst | 10

"If you love music you'd have to join because once you join you can't stop. I love the thrill of being on stage performing for



Ashley Pangelinan | 10

Instrumental Music is a very tight community. Once you get into it, you can't get out, because it's so much fun."





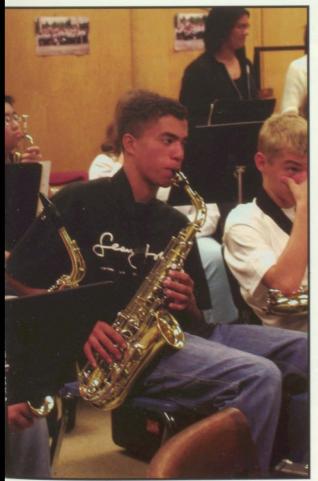
# **Perfect Pitch**

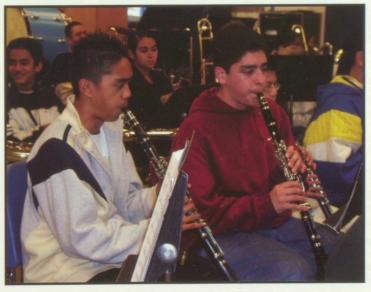
At the Napa Band Review, Litia Goodwin plays the clarinet as she marches. Although they did not do exceptionally well at the review, it was a great experience for all the marching band members. *Photo:* Tyler Underwood

# Leading the Band

Being conductor of the marching band means heavy responsibility. Austin Taylor says, "It's very satisfying, especially when they do well, because you know you helped them achieve their goals. Congratulations to band this year!" *Photo: Tyler Underwood* 







# **Playing the Blues**

The saxophone is a soulful instrument that many musicians wish to play. Madison Miller chose this instrument because "It looked fun. On the Simpsons, Lisa played it and she was my inspiration." Photo: Wendy Lao

## **Classical Tunes**

The clarinet makes a soothing sound, especially when played by lan Candelario and Michael Mosher. Even though the clarinet was not lan's first choice, lan says, "I learned to appreciate it." Photo: Wendy Lao

# Et Tu, Brutus?

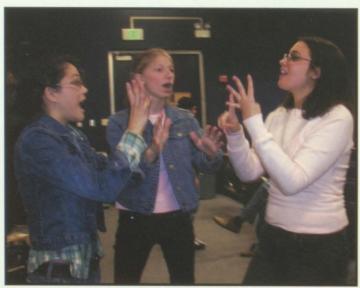
Advanced Drama requires students to be dramatic. Sean Stader laughs as Nate Maggio practices his lines from the Shakespeare play Julius Ceasar with a lot of emotion. Photo: Samihah Azim

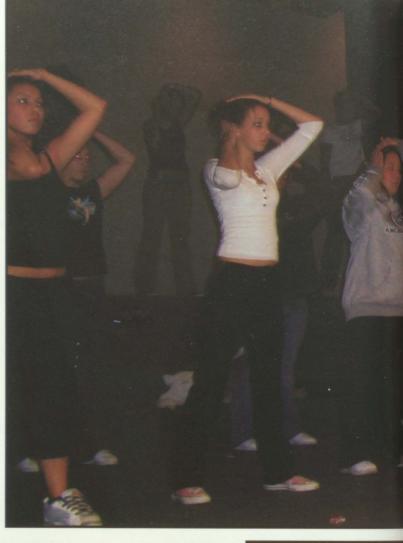
## **Practice Time!**

Practicing lines for drama can be stressful, which is why Alexis Green, Erica Sandborn, and Hillary Hodson practice their lines together so they can keep each other on track. Photo:

Samihah Azim









Linda Jackson Drama 1, 2, & Advanced Drama, & Dance Department Chair



Julie Myers Social Dance 1 & 2



Courtney Shropshire Drama 1



Sarah Castelhano | 10

"Advanced drama has taught me a lot about the real world. Every scene and monologue we do is graded harshly to prepare us for competitions."



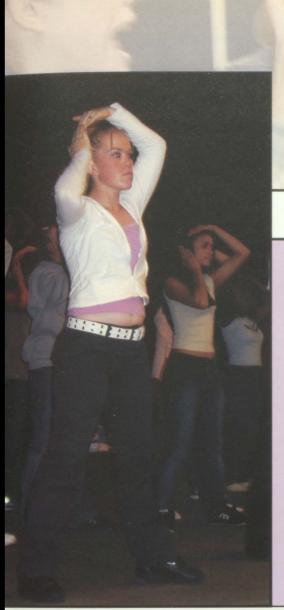
Shane Gomes | 9

"The music in social dance makes you get into the dance and it makes it overall fun."



Charlie Rodda Wind Ensemble Symphonic Band





# Lights, Cameras.... and ACTION

# PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENTS By Samihah Azim



As our students prepare for their next move in dance or their next line in

drama, we look into the pressure of what it is like to be a student in the performing arts department.

# **Producers and Directors:**

Drama: Courtney Shropshire and Linda Jackson

Dance: Julie Myers and Linda Jackson

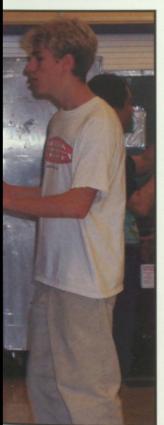
# **Characters:**

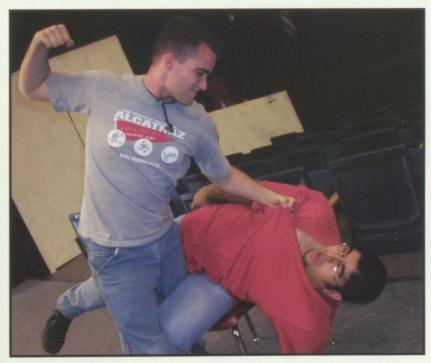
Drama: Ms. Jackson's Drama 1 Class, Ms. Shropshire's Drama 1 Class, Ms. Jackson's Drama 2 Class, and Ms. Jackson's Advanced Drama Class Dance: Ms. Jackson's Dance Class, and Ms. Myer's Social Dance Class

# Synopsis:

The dance and drama classes can be emotionally as well as physically draining, but they are all worth taking. Not only are they fun, they also give their students a sense of self identity by the end of the class. Our awesome staff makes Irvington High School live up to its title as a performing arts magnet. For many of the students, the performing arts classes are the reason they are here at Irvington, as students with an interest in the arts can request a transfer.

These classes are never the same two days in a row; every new day brings new routines to learn and more lines to memorize. Ms. Jackson and the Irvington Conservatory Theater produces two shows annually, and Courtney Shropshire also directed another show this year on her own. In addition, the dance classes perform during rallies to adoring crowds.





# Move Your Body Like a Snake, Ma

Taking dance requires flexibility and coordination. Kalia Bratton, Laura Bernardin, Michelle Behrens, Candiss Miller, and Amanda Drummond use their coordination skills to perfect their dance steps. *Photo: Samihah Azim* 

# **Dance With Me**

Being part of social dance requires students to be congenial. Brittany Jenesse and her partner demonstrate this quite well by dancing in front of the class. *Photo: Samihah Azim* 

# To Hit, or Not to Hit?

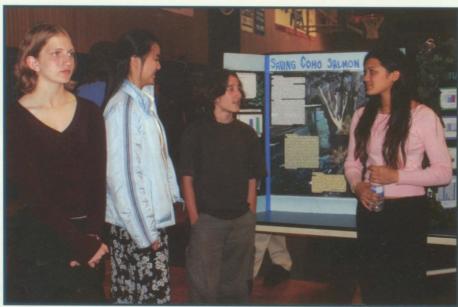
Whether 'tis more noble to practice the script dramatically, or not? Drew Sanchez and Atif Kamran decide that 'tis more noble to practice dramatically. *Photo: Samihah Azim* 

# **Keys of Immigration**

Showing her talent for art, Ms. Brazill shows her American Studies class what New York looked like during the era of immigration to Ellis Island.

Photo: Christy Humphreys







"It's not a typical class because you can do more hands on activities. During one activity, everyone had an instrument and you'd play it and make a song out of it."

# CCA Pays Off

The art skills that Nicole Martin, Natalie Nguyen, Jesse Price and Jessica Eugster learned in their CCA class paid off; the CCA students had some of the best looking Benchmark presentations. They spent over three days working on the background painting to their presentation board. 

Photo: Melody Chu

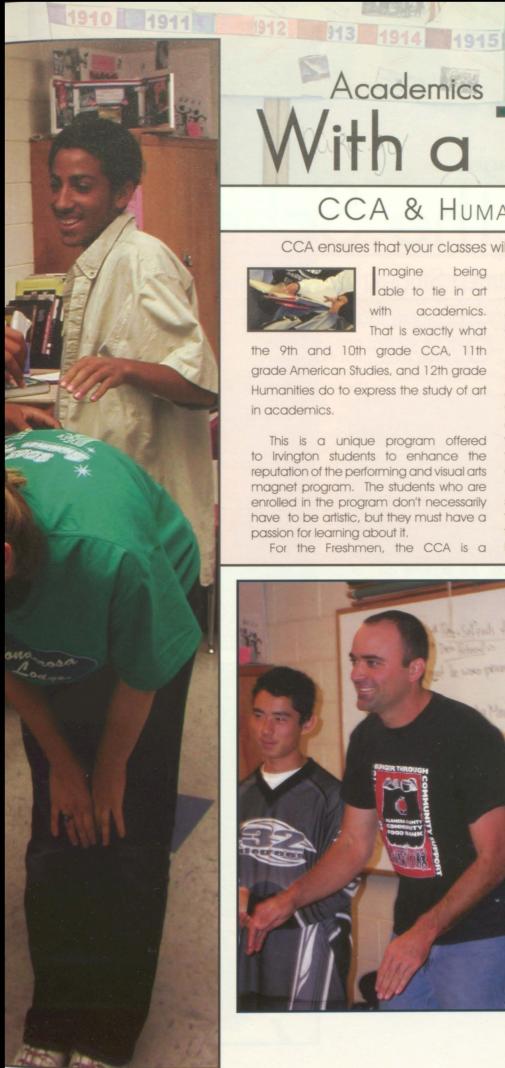
# **Special Dance**

On a day when the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts came, the students act out a role play in front of their class expressing their personalities. Vanessa Simmons, Stephanie Burton and Shan Howerton both engage in the activity. Shan comments: "I thought it help express my full potential and I wouldn't have gotten this far if it weren't for CCA." Photo: Christy Humphreys









# Academics

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# CCA & HUMANITIES By Christy Humphrey

CCA ensures that your classes will never be the same old thing.



magine being able to tie in art academics. That is exactly what

the 9th and 10th grade CCA, 11th grade American Studies, and 12th grade Humanities do to express the study of art in academics.

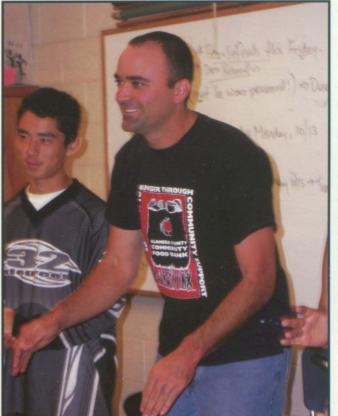
This is a unique program offered to Irvington students to enhance the reputation of the performing and visual arts magnet program. The students who are enrolled in the program don't necessarily have to be artistic, but they must have a passion for learning about it.

For the Freshmen, the CCA is a

combination of English and science; Sophomores, world history and English. With the two classes, the students learn the fundamentals and gear themselves toward the artistic approach.

If it wasn't for the CCA program, many students wouldn't have attended Irvington. "It was the only way for me to get into Irvington," said Alexander Poole, freshman, "Plus I really liked the art aspect of it. The people in CCA really become your family because you get to be with them a lot and we all have a lot in common...everyone is so creative."

Sophomore Michael Pride has this to say about CCA: "I was into music so I thought that this was right for me. You get to know people better so group work is a lot more fun.



## **Dancing With Rhythm**

Following the direction of teaching artist Rica Andersen from the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, Mr. Nate lvy participates in a body rhythm exercise. "These activities were really fun and helped us come together as a community," says Mr. Ivy. Photo: Christy Humphreys



Janaki Palaniappan | 9

"I'm not in the CCA English class but I have a CCA science class and it's fun. We talk a lot about art."

# Seeking Change Within the School



# **Bonding** Days

"I remember the ASB retreat at my house for the Thanksgiving feast. Playing Taboo and watching the Lizzy Mcguire movie. It was at times like these that we bonded - and that's why we're as close as we are today. By being this close, we have no problem helping each other and backing one another up in times of need. This is what being a part of ASB is all about."

Lauren Avina | 12

# ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY By Jennifer Yu

Working hard to show that we are there... for you



of three years, I've distinguished a group of thirty-four students at Irvington.

I thought of leadership as a class that planned dances, organized rallies, and wore matching jackets every couple of months.

I was overjoyed when I was accepted into Irvington's ASB, but led me to a shocking realization. I learned that in addition to their duties within class, the students are asked to devote their spare time towards various school activities. ASB is responsible for managing Irvington's budget, clubs and a variety of events

held on campus. I was surprised to find that setting up the Homecoming Dance would take eight hours or that the activities we sometimes take for granted, such as rallies, Spirit Week, and blood drives require endless organization and planning.

Contrary to some beliefs, ASB does not try to isolate itself from the student body. It is an organization that tries its hardest to satisfy the demands of the faculty and students at Irvington. Ironically, as I strived to be accepted amongst this group of people, I realized that they too want to be accepted. Each of these thirty-four students are dedicated to their work at Irvington with the hope that in turn, the student body will accept them as their peers within our community.

### Information on Clubs

Being club commissioner is one of the most grueling jobs in ASB. Manaf Mansure uses the Rep. Assembly meetings to his advantage to get the word out to everyone about all the clubs. Photo: Tiffany Nguyen

# Hitting the High Note

ASB hosts many different activities during lunch, including Karaoke.
Ms. Myers and Winnie Barquero announce the contestants for this year's karaoke contest. Photo:

Wendy Lao



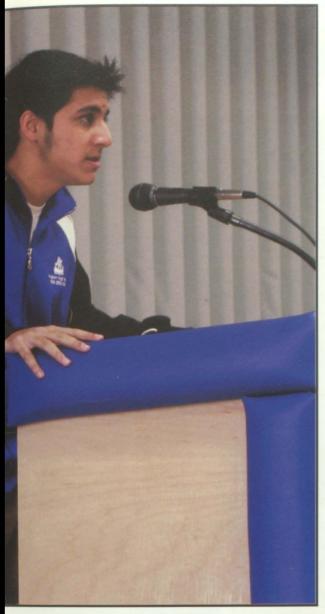
### It's a Masterpiece!

Ever wonder how ASB gets their posters so colorful and eyecatching? Leslie Szeto and Sarah Khanghahi use their ultimate secret weapon: paint markers! Photo:

Melody Chu







# **Getting A Little Dizzy**

Wearing the 'drunk' goggles, Jimmy Ballard demonstrates the obstacle course, starting with weaving through cones. This was the first game during Red Ribbon Week to help raise awareness of the effects of drugs. Photo: Tiffany Nguyen

## **Developing a Close Bond**

Sharing a joke, Christy Humphreys, Rachel Clark, and Ms. Brazill take a little break during planning for Suicide Prevention Week. One of the most important aspects of this class is becoming close with everyone and having fun. *Photo:*Tiffany Nguyen





# Don't Worry! I'm Not Sleeping!

To learn more about their peers, Tawny Mount, Megan Galloway and Pam O'Neill listen intently while their classmates share their own stories. Knowing everyone on a more personal level only makes Peer Advocates more amazing. Photo: Tiffany Nguyen

# Peer Advocates Working for you...



"In the past when you thought of a club on campus, Peer Advocates does not come to mind... but this year, Peer Advocates has made a new name for

rself.

Not only do we as peer counselors listen and help our peers with their problems, but we are in charge of Tobacco Week. Some new projects we took on included Red Ribbon Week, Suicide and Depression Awareness Week along with presentations in the 9th grade health classes, at junior high schools and at statewide peer advocate conferences.

Despite all the work we did, we never hesitated to have fun and get to know each other. In what other class do you sit in a circle talking about your feelings and learning to deal with your own personal problems? When I joined Peer Advocates, I never thought that I would come this close and befriend fifteen people,

some of them total strangers. With the guidance and leadership that Ms. Brazill provided, Peer Advocates has become a program that Irvington should be proud of. I would personally like to just say thank you to all the peer counselors who joined this year; all of you truly impacted me and definitely made my senior year a year to remember."

- Pam O'Neill | 12



















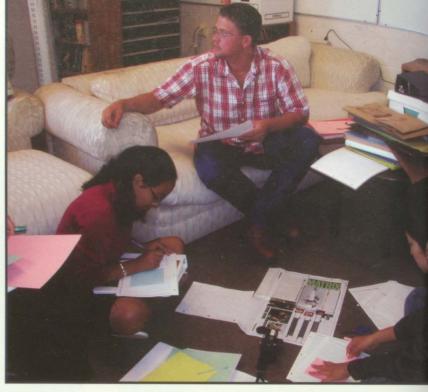
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All yearbookies must go through a rigorous training process before they are allowed to work on the computers. Manika Casterline and Tyler Underwood work on their cut and paste layouts, which were taught to them by Jenn Hsu, one of the Editorsin-Chief. Photo: Melody Chu





# **Picnic Time**

This year, SAGA opted to change printing companies to Friesens. Mr. Paul Friesen visted us on February 2nd and enjoyed a quick dinner at the Tofu House resturant with Ms. Teri Hu, Jennifer Hsu, Melody Chu and those pictured here, the soda pouring Nisat Chowdhury and the mouth stuffing Jing Yee. Photo: Melody Chu

# **Macs ARE Your Friends**

Thrid year student Kyle Stephens helps "The Lone Freshman" Jovie Carillo on her first layout. Jovie was a fast learner and her page on the Freshmen officers was finished quickly. While Jovie was not our only freshman, Yvonne Fung had to take second semester Health. Photo: Melody Chu



# **True Blue Vikings**

All dressed up, Kevin Zhu and Ashish Agrawal run a journalism meeting after rushing back from a We the People competiton. Certain issues of the paper were expanded to 12 pages, allowing Kevin to add a Humor section. Photo: Melody Chu





















Academics





















## RVINGTON PUBLICATIONS By Melody Chu & Jennifer Hsu

lere's a story of our crazy staff (We hope we don't scare you away) In the Dungeon - room 101B, This is what goes on everyday:

Melody yells, "NO TIMES NEW ROMAN!" Ashish eats ketchup for fun, Jenn gets hungry every five seconds, And Kevin thinks he's number one.

Jovie made us "muddy buddies," Ketakee shops at Trader Joe's Johnny likes to eat our food And Jessica has the coolest phone

Jing has hair that's easy to dye, Nisha discovered the fun of knitting, Nisat collects cute little purses, And Cody likes to sit around sketching.

Tyler takes the best pictures, Johnson likes to mess with Photoshop, Tiffany likes anything with penguins, And Erin likes to write a lot.

Kyle drinks lots of water, Evelyn watches shows on TV, Manika also listens to oldies, And Grace learned InDesign speedily.

Ron carries a purple backpack, Samihah has deep purple eyes, Yvonne is fast at doing layouts, And Lauren is also quick to comply.

Julia likes the color green, Shayon likes to shop at the mall, Irram wears the coolest clothes, And Christy's skilled at playing softball.

Roma's dedicated to We the People, Shreva is one of two staffers in ASB, Caitlin is our very own Next Top Model, And Wendy giggles spontaneously

Jessica edits the Entertainment section, Ankur has nice collarbones too, Sarah Jo [Mulder] is psycho. Period. And Jake wears cool skater shoes.

Kushal just can't wait for QUEST, Sheikhy plays for the tennis team, Sonya's your number one optimist, And Victoria works like a dream.

Teri with her stuffed armadillo, owns SAGA, VOICE & RUNE - Our awesome 3, Together we're Irvington's publications, And we will rule the world, you see.



## **Crusin' Around** San Diego

"We went to San Diego from April 1st-4th for the National High School Journalism Convention. Teri drove us in a monster van; poor Ankur was the only boy in the car. All 13 of us stayed in a tiny beachside house that only had one bathroom. Sarah Jo and I [Mel] sprayed our perfume all over Kushal and Ankur's pillows...and they didn't even notice. From the Magic Bullet infomercial to spending \$365.10 at Smart & Final and getting photographed by a guy in a carriage, it was all a great experience. Of course, you can't forget about the two weddings we planned simultaneously. Oh yeah, and we had a great session too."

Melody & Jenn | SAGA EIC's





















**Publications** 



# Ultimate Challenge



"It all started when we had a fun activity in AP Statistics that had to do with pennies and tape. We were getting a little bored, so Corey Young decided to give me a 'tape job.' I agreed to do this because I know girls who like the silky smooth feel of my tan skin... At first we tried it and only a couple hairs came off. We were determined to make my arm bald so we tried again and this time we succeeded."

Curtis Takeda | 12

## AP & HONORS CLASSES

By Melody Chu



A P classes be hard, but that does not mean they cannot be

fun as well. Some of the most comical moments happen in classes where you least expect it. Here, some AP seniors share their favorite moments from their AP classes past and present.

## ■ Nevin Murthy:

One day, Mr. Musto decided that he was not going to lecture on what it means to be an American citizen. Instead, he spun 360 degrees on his feet, pointed to us and said: "I want...YOU...to research on this."

The next day he said that his ankle hurt.

## Ailee Fei:

Mr. Moran is the most random teacher I know and he's also very gossipy. He

listens in on you from way across the room and when we say something interesting, he would always ask, "What? Who?" Sometimes, he puts a paper towel tube over his mouth and says, "Art! Art! Art! And he sings the "Milkshake" song to us.

## ■ Venna Tran:

Mr. Breiger felt that in order for us to do well on the AP English Language test, we had to be prepared in every aspect. Whenever he said something he thought was important, he would tell us to "write this down." Once, Sasha Obukhorskaya and I kept a tally of how many times he said that phrase in a day. We counted over 40 in just one block period.

## Ankit Agarwal:

Ron Hothi modified a Nerf gun as an extra credit project for AP Physics. In class, Macuk ordered him to shoot a student from twenty paces. Ron aimed at Medhi Khan's posterior. He was successful.

### Canvas Art

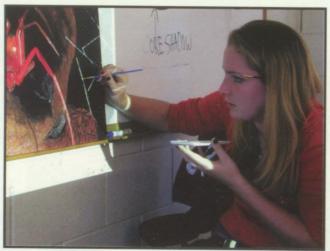
Using the LCD projector is another way to gain accuracy with the tiny details in the spider web. Sabrina Habel touches up her painting in Mr. Bob Moran's AP Art class. Photo:

Jennifer Hsu.

### **Illustrating a Point**

In order to make Ms. Teri's point about how destructive self-interest can be in the context of 1984, Dmitry Stadlin, Liwei Tsao, Kevin Zhu, Drew Sanchez, and Rosalina Gonzalez hold up their X or Y choices. "I thought we'd be past trying to cheat everyone else. Obviously..." comments Rosalina, the only person who help up a X. Photo:

Melody Chu



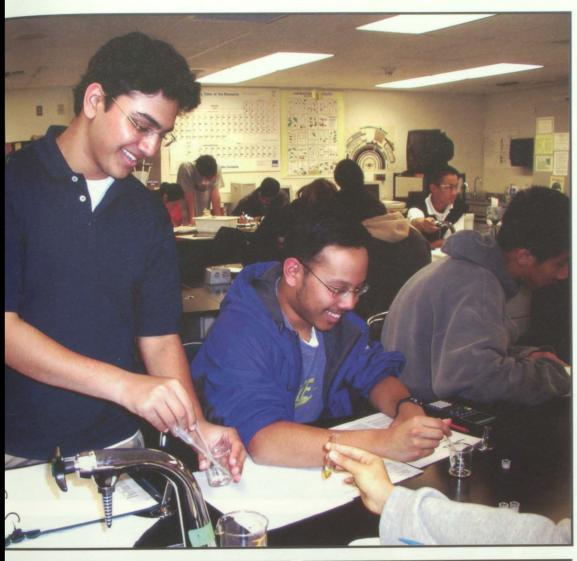
## Integrated Confusion

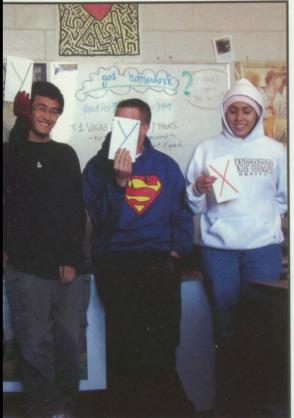
Because AP Calculus is the zenith of high school mathematics, Ms. Lin takes a lot of class time to explain homework problems to befuddled students. Use of the projector and breaking down a long, rambling equation into short chunks does much to alleviate a few student headaches.

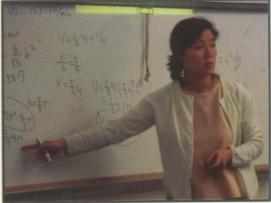
Photo: Kevin Zhu











## **Number Crunch**

It's difficult enough to concentrate on the convoluted equations of Calculus without having to teach a bunch of 17-year-olds how to do it. Ms. Lin somehow manages to keep her derivatives straight while answering a question. *Photo: Kevin Zhu* 

### Splish Splash

Concentrating on their lab, Priyal Sheth and Kevin Palani work on a kinetic study of thiosulfate. "AP Chem is pretty fun. Once, Kai Li had a dropper and he didn't realize that there was water in it and it sprayed all over Mr. Lee's desk," said Priyal Sheth. Photo: Kevin Zhu

## Who the People? WE THE PEOPLE!



"We the People is a competition government/civics class that is the pinnacle of a three-year career in social studies. The application process for the class is very competitive, and the class is taught/ coached by Ms. Cook-Kallio. Mr. Musto, who is known affectionately by the class by several nicknames (like Kegmeister Musto and G), also gives up a lot of his time to fine-tune the team and present relevant information. The class requires a keen interest in history and politics, and its students get so into it that We the People is often accused of being a cult. However, the bonding that the students undergo and the sense of community that they build is the best part of the experience, as any member of this year's team will tell you. From Anum's adorable smile, to Rob's bad boy British charm, to Husain's obsession with fire and arson, it's the individual personalities that made this year so memorable. Oh yeah, and being the first Irvington team to win 3rd place at State. That was kind of neat too."

- Kevin Zhu | Unit 5

# the Moments



## Scary but sweet Halloween

This special Ed class gets super creative dressing up for Halloween. These kids have fun with their unique costumes; whether they're a villain from a movie or a vampire, they certainly know how to show off costumes worth posing for the camera (never mind how the camera kept running out of batteries).

## SPECIAL EDUCATION/RESOURCE By Samihah Azim



Capturing the moments
Smiles that are moon sent

Memories in Special Ed Holiday feasts, being well fed Doing hands on activities Using the imagination and creativity Resource helping them along Reaching the top like King Kong Making friendships that last a lifetime A lot like this Special Ed rhyme Raising money for class projects Through trash cleanups Different class sects Having fun with card games Cutting out paper shapes One day hoping to reach fame Just like the rest of us Wanting all of life's gains.

Resource, a division of Special Ed, focuses on helping General Education students in their classes. Certain subjects in Resource, such as science and social studies, teach the same things that are taught in regular classes, except at a slower pace. Special Ed classes help students learn basic skills necessary in life.

"I love teaching Special Ed. They [the students] can be a big challenge, but a real joy too." said Ms. Riggio/Schwartz.

Some of the activities that they do include teaching kids functional skills such as cooking, basic job skills, social skills. Students participate in picking up trash for recycling to raise money for their class projects and parties. The purpose of the parties is to teach the kids how to cook and to help them develop social skills.

## **Working Hard or Hardly Working?**

Resource gives students a chance to receive help in subjects that they have a lot of trouble in. Jyoti Kaur gets a little help so she can comprehend the subject by herself.

Photo: Samihah Azim

## **Understanding Computers**

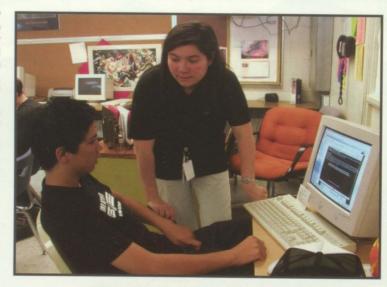
Computers can frustrate even the most computer oriented students.

Ms. Cariño helps Alex Garcia in Resource with a difficult glitch.

Photo: Samihah Azim

### Math Help

Math can be a very hard subject to understand. Ms. Nederson helps Jaelee Mustain with her math homework. *Photo: Samihah Azim* 





Mr O'neill | Staff

"We teach how to get a job, manage a check book, and other basic skills."







Ms. Anderson | Staff

"I love teaching, It's a challenge. I try new ways to have the students learn to love math."



## Playing With Cards.

Card games are a fun way to interact and socialize with each other. In Special Ed, Renee Wu and Danielle Seiwald play various card games to develop their social skills. Photo: Samihah Azim





Eleanor Ammon Resource



Lorraine Anderson Special Ed Math D, C



Mary Anne Cariño Resource



Eleanor Lemke Special Ed Science C, D Health D



Kathleen O'Leary Resource



Leo O'Neill Special Ed Transitions



Lorraine Riggio/ Schwartz SH(ZXCS002)



Raj Singh Special Ed English D, C Senior English

### Setting It Up

The Academy went to Quarry Lake to volunteer with special ed students. Danny Boyd, and Roshadd Miller teaches shooting techniques. *Photo:*Mr. Scott Lewis

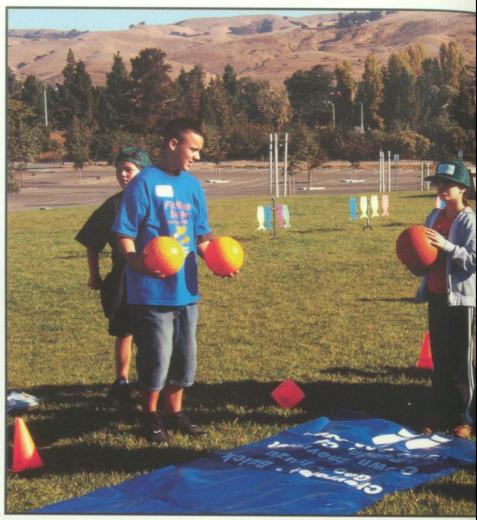
## **Getting Ready?**

Jessica Montoya Vicky Phanthtaranth and Sabrina Mendez help out the Tri-City Homeless Shelter. They're helping to solicit donations from the community. Photo: John Williams

### A Better Way

Danny Boyd shows Gabriel Kalawaia and Roshadd Miller a faster way of working on their project. *Photo: John Williams* 











## Telling Their Story

By Jennifer Hsu

n the evening of freshman benchmark open house, SAGA got the privilege to talk to two academy members, La Tasha Knight and Brittani Anolin. Both share their experiences in their first year at Irvington and the benefits of being in the Academy.

**SAGA:** What do you remember most about the Academy?

Knight: I like the field trips.

**Anolin:** We basically went on a field trip to learn about wildlife and pollution.

**SAGA:** What did you do for your CHANGE project?

**Anolin:** We planted trees to create more habitat for wildlife.

**Knight:** [Doing the benchmark] was easier for us 'cause we've already been doing service learning projects.

**SAGA:** So how do you think the Academy has helped?

**Knight:** It's good because we get more help in school; the

teachers stay after school to help us.

**Anolin:** It makes learning a lot better. What I once thought was hard became easier for me.

**SAGA:** So after another year [the academy is a two year program], do you think you will miss it?

Anolin: Yes, it's a lot of fun.

**Knight:** I can be myself in the class. You don't need to worry about people mumbling underneath their breath.

**Anolin:** And the teachers get to know you more.







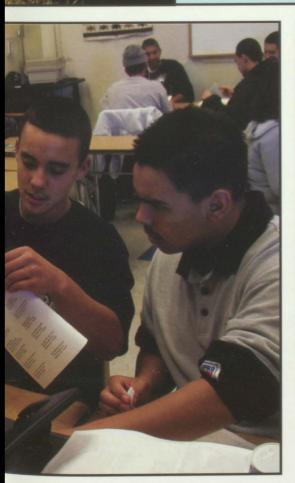
What is the Academy? Well for all the people that think this is a

class where doing work is so much easier - you're wrong. This class is one of the hardest working classes in Irvington.

The class does all the same work as the other classes, and have the same schedules and deadlines. The only difference is that they receive more help from their teachers. Because the Academy has four classes with only two teachers, you get to know them more and a close bond forms.

As many students do not get to know their teachers as well as the ones in the Academy, students feel like the Academy is more family-like. The students help one another like a family would.

It's all about cooperation in this class. The Academy also has its own branch off class, Service Learning. The class allows its students to gain service hours quickly while having a great time with their friends. The Academy does many projects with Lake Elizabeth, such as making bird boxes and working with Shiver's Lagoon. The Academy also does class projects like helping the homeless with canned food drives for the Tri-City Homeless Coalition.





## Face-painting Fun

Jessica Craven-Banks face-paint a little boy to add spirit to the fishing derby. She joined clowns and mentors in helping out special ed students. *Photo: Mr. Ryan Kirchuer* 

## Good Food and Fun Memories of Culinary Arts



"I had a choice between a few electives and cooking was always fun for me. We have a bunch of other 'masculine' people so it's not really as odd as it seems [to be a guy in a home economics class]. I think this class is really a nice change of pace from my other classes.

My favorite thing we've made so far has been the fruit pizza. First we made the crust, then we put Cool Whip on it and added apples, peaches and bananas. Ms. Hashimoto provides us with all the ingredients, but you can bring in special stuff. Say you're making eggs or whatever - you can bring in your own bacon.

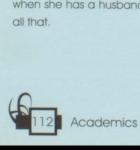
For Christmas, we made these spritz cookies [the ones in the picture]. Those were the best cookies that we've ever made. It was my day to be the cook. [The way the class works] one week you'll be the cook, the next week you'll be the assistant cook, then after that you'll be the waiter, and the last week you'll be the guest. The guest has to wash the dishes, while the waiter sets the table.

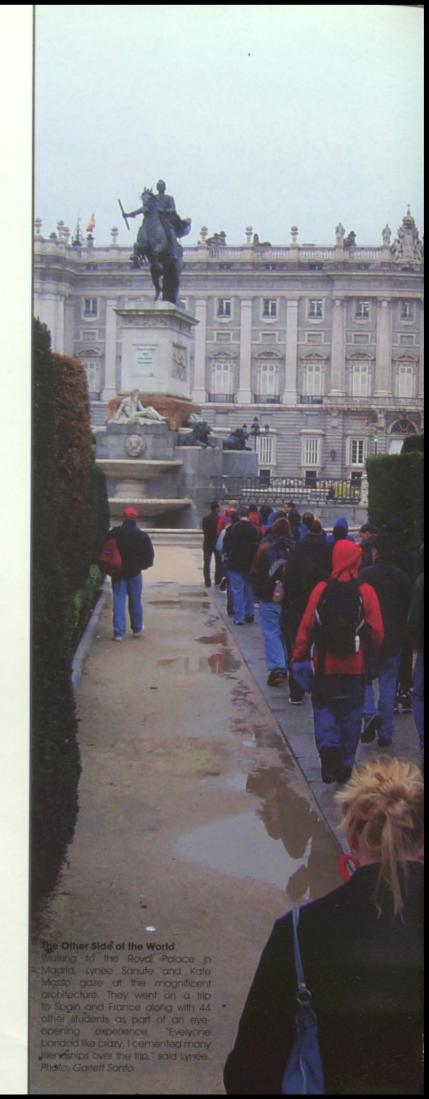
Ms. Hashimoto teaches us not only how to make the food, but how to read the recipes. We don't just learn about making specific things, but the stuff we learn allows us to make whatever we want outside of class as well. I cooked for my mom and she liked it. [Guys,] your wife will appreciate when she has a husband who can cook and all that

Andrew Rojas | 12











# Melting Pot

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE & HOME EC. By Nisha Desai & Kevin Zhu

## Reasons for learning our differences



Hola. Bonjour. Ni hao. Irvington is lucky to have the amazing amount of cultural diversity that

it does, and this diversity is a microcosm of the world at large.

From Mr. Marshall's Cha-Cha to Mr. Ballado's love of ranas, Spanish has always been a colorful and interesting elective to take. We may never know the difference between a subjunctive verb and an imperfect verb, but who cares? We're too busy learning funny words like infarto cardiaco, which means heart attack but sounds more like a gas attack.

French has been described as pretty

hard by a lot of students, especially the tenses and weird grammatical technicalities. However, the higher levels of French are very coveted classes that easily get everyone involved. "The most fun we had this year was when we went to San Francisco and ate French Food," said Aliyah Wong. Among her favorite things about the class, she also cited Madame Vardhan's enthusiasm for her subject and tremendous knowledge.

Finally, Mandarin is often derided as Mandarin for Mandarin-speakers, which is only partially true. While most of the students are Chinese, most of them are also pretty bad at their mother language, which complicates Ms. Yan's job considerably. Through it all, her kindness and professionalism keeps students returning year after year. The food's pretty good, too.



Christina Faitel French 1 Government/Econ World History



Debbie Yan Mandarin 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 Honors Algebra 2/Trig



Ann Marie Charlton Spanish 1, 2



Daisy Cook Spanish 1, 2



Jackie Hashimoto Freshman Foods Culinary Arts 1



Alberto Ballado Spanish 2, 3, 5



Dave Marshall Spanish 3, 4



Fabienne Vardhan French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5



## Spencer Holmes | 9

"It is necessary for us to learn health now because it teaches us not to do harmful stuff to our bodies."

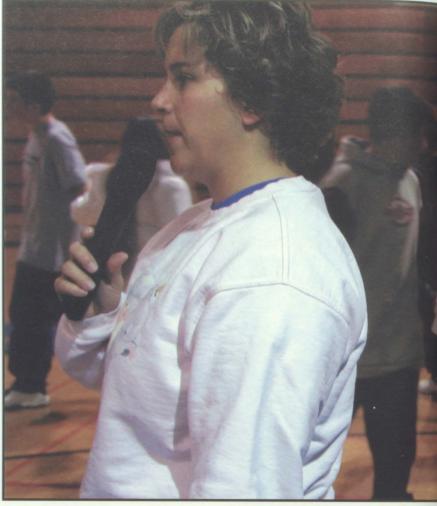
## Promenade Back Home...

P.E. teacher Ms. Kim Martin teaches the freshmen the next step during square dancing. Freshmen have the chance to not run the Buum and square dance in the gym instead. Photo: Melody Chu

What's So Funny?

During Mr. Bill Sinnott's 5th period P.E. class, Jonathan Esquirel and Casey Blair look over to see what was causing all the commotion. Whatever it was, it made Mr. Sinnott laugh uncontrollably. *Photo: Jessica Chen.* 







Melanie Gavin Beg. Health



Nels Larsen Weight Training, P.E.



Jeff Fern Athletic Director, P.E.



Kim Martin P.E.



Bill Sinnott P.E, RC



Marian Spooner P.E.



Steve Strout Weight Training, P.E.



Stacy Wallace Beg. Health, Physical Science



# Your Health Your Hands

PHYSICAL ED. & HEALTH By Jessica Cher

Never forget to: stay clean, keep fit and most importantly, be healthy.



your body is like a temple." I am sure most of you have

heard of that phrase before, either in a song, book, or magazine. Indeed it is; the body is something that everyone should take care of and treat as something very sacred.

One of the main reasons Irvington requires the one semester course of beginning health as a graduation requirement is to give students an in depth education about how to keep their bodies healthy.

Although reading a health book can take you far, you cannot forget the two years of physical education also required for graduation. "Physical Education promotes healthy exercise for your body. It strengthens your body, and helps lead you to a lifetime of activity," said athletic director Mr. Jeff Fern. "Kids just don't realize the benefit of exercise until they are older."

Well, we do not need to wait until we are older to know that exercising promotes great health for you now and later on in life. So, instead of sitting at home, why don't you go out for a little jog? A little exercise will not do any harm. Keep in mind the importance of always staying clean, fit, and most importantly, healthy.

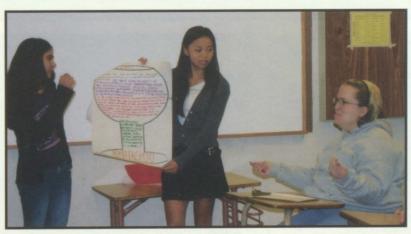


## We wanted to do... Something Crazy

"Me and my friend Josh Ludden went bowling for weight training, and since half of our team did not show up, Josh wanted to do something crazy, so he dove halfway down the lane and just laid there with the ball still in his hands for about 30 seconds."

Brandon Minyen | 12





### **Just in Time**

Finishing the rigorous Sophomore Buum, Yuan Qing Huang jogs to the finish line to await Mr. Strout's announcement of her time. *Photo:* Jessica Chen

## **Alcohol Free**

After creating a poster on alcohol, Farrah Kassamali and Jennifer Louie give an in-depth presentation on the information they found. During the presentation, Ms. Gavin elaborated on the dangers of drinking alcohol. *Photo: Johnson Jeng* 

Joe Pan | 10

"Before my freshman year, I was never able to pass the Buum because I would get so tired, but now I can."



# The War Against the Machines



Good Experiences...

"Working as a technical assistant for Mr. Scherer is a great learning experience. I met many teachers I have never seen before during my job fixing computers around school."

Daniel Tritton | 12

## TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS, & INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Gather up your knowledge and grab your screwdrivers! Admiral Scherer is preparing his troops to enter the classrooms of Irvington High School and fix the computers.

Teaming up with Generals Rios, Shivers, and Heestand, they train our IHS troops in all they need to know to handle every upcoming contingency.

The future is almost here and they've been sending our warriors to war against the technology and the economy. With up to date material and instruments, the

future of our students look good. The results of our past warriors were unknown, but the admiral is confident that his ways of leading the troops will be successful. From technology to business to word processing, we're doing great.

Although Mr. Harmon is here only one period a day to back up the students and their tools, he helps out often. Although he's the only industrial arts teacher in Irvington High, Mr. Harmon teaches our students how to make anything out of a block of wood. Woodwork may be hard to do, but many students are interested in the class, and they always come out with excellent final projects.

## **Edit and Animate**

As a senior at Irvington High, Helly Liu concentrates on her work while Jae Oh cries in his hand when the computer crashed. Upon finishing, Helly double checks her work by playing the final production on the computer. Photo: Johnson Jeng





RANDOM FACT: Our server is so huge it holds data up to more than one hundred computers combined!

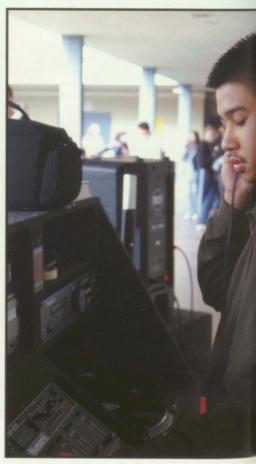
## **DJ** Catigan

Playing music during lunch, Adam Catigan, mixes music for the Irvington students in the courtyard. He is also proud to be IHS's 2003-2004 Technical Commissioner. Photo:

Johnson Jeng

## **Got Digital Skills?**

In Ms. Rios's Digital Video Production class, Chuck Durham concentrates on his work as he carefully edits pictures pixel by pixel. Digital Video production is a beloved course of IHS students. Photo: Johnson Jena





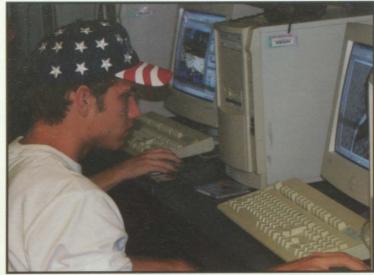


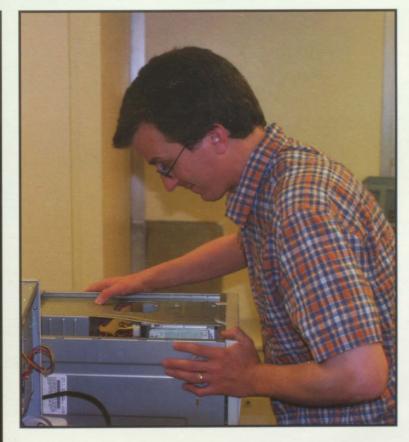
## **Learning the Tools**

Ahmed Usafy, a junior, slowly aligns his block of wood that's soon to be cut. He has been working on a project for a long time and Ahmed is counting on it to pass the class. Mr. Harman's Woodshop class is a great place to make beloved objects. *Photo: Johnson Jeng* 

## **Computer Stress Overkill**

Mr. Erik Scherer peers down into the computer as he tries to figure out the problem causing it not to boot up. Mr. Scherer is the mastermind at our school when it comes to technical issues. *Photo: Johnson Jeng* 







Don Harmon Woodshop 1/2/3



Marilyn Heestand Computer Processing Word Processing Intro to Business



Erik Scherer Technology Head Network Server Tech Classroom Lab Tech Computer Tech 1, 2

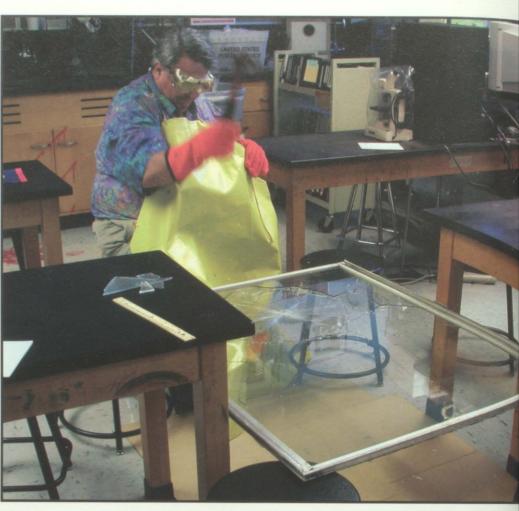
## Point of Impact

Glass fractures can be analyzed to tell the order of gunshots, which side a bullet comes in from, or the object used to break the glass. Gordon Sanford demonstrates to his Forensic Science class during this lab on the subject. Photo: Kyle Stephens

## Time Is Money

How much will it cost to live after moving out? Margie Trujillo challenges this to her Money Management students, Tom Becerra and J.R. McKinney, as they work on spreadsheets to calculate this. Photo: Kyle Stephens







## Lunch, Anyone?

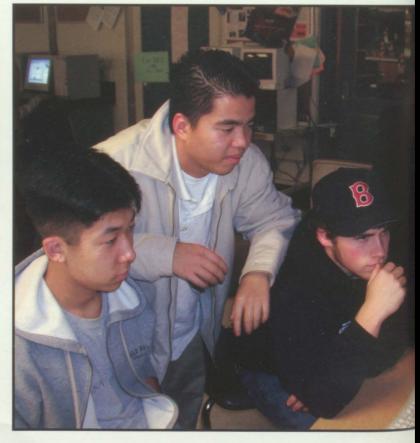
The Chief Medical Examiner of San Mateo County shows how body parts are collected for Forensic Pathology (study of disease) investigations. This was one leg of Forensic Science's field trip to the San Mateo County morgue.

Photo: Gordon Sanford

## **Work In Progress**

Digital Video students learn to make their own films with Adobe Premiere 6.0. Joseph Kong, Vu Chu, Scott Holtog and Andy Tran wait for their documentary on the Special Education Department to finish loading.

Photo: Kyle Stephens





## Point of Success

ROP

By Kyle Stephens



ROP (Regional Occupational Program) classes allow students access courses not normally available in a high school setting.

Emphasizing career skills, ROP classes train students with job skills they can use as soon they graduate.

The ROP department, with its specialized curriculums, has ways of making unique memories for its students.

"Once I almost dropped a video camera on the floor. I was just handing it to someone, nothing bad, plotting nothing against the life of the poor camera. But as I reached over with the camera in hand, I felt it slip a little too soon. That wasn't planned. My eyes watched as it fell to the floor but it was caught just in time. My friend fell to his knees and dove for the camera, barely catching it in the palm of his hands. Thank God it wasn't broken. Ms. Rios would have killed me..."

Elizabeth "Liz" Emgee | Digital Video

"In Forensic Science, we watch a lot of DVDs on forensics and crime scenes. One time we were watching one about how investigators do stuff to bodies to see how they break down. This one part was on how body parts burn. The lady explaining it tossed like ten arms into the fire! Latter they started talking about a 'body farm: 'a place where they dump dead bodies to see how they decompose. Forensics is the one class where I hardly ever laugh."

John "Jack" Husting | Forensic Science "Once during class, we had this guest speaker. She was really nicely dressed, which was part of her presentation. She asked us if we thought she went to some prodigious school, or got all A's or whatever, because she certainly looked it. Turned out, she just knew how to dress really well, give a good presentation of herself. And with that she was able to be successful...a really interesting idea."

Alice Cho | DECA

ROP students living these stories, taking these classes, are constantly gaining skills, or just great memories. With a program like ROP and a place like Irvington, success certainly does start here.



## Going Into Business

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is the merchandising and marketing class. Did you know the most important product DECA students learn to sell is their job skills to their prospective employers? This is a keystone to the DECA course. The DECA 'business' manages 'revenue' from its various events, like cookie sales and the Hip Hop show. DECA also competes DECA against other students on local, state, national and even international levels.



Elba Rios Digital Graphics Digital Video Web Design



Romy Shivers Money Management

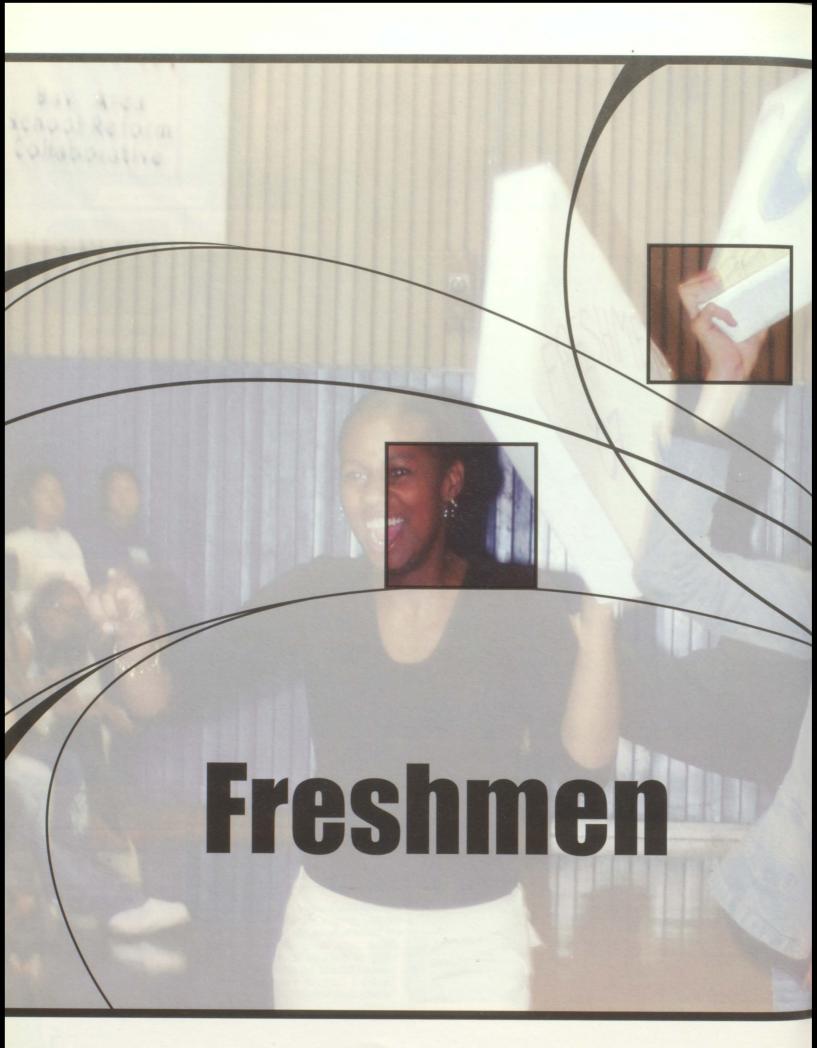


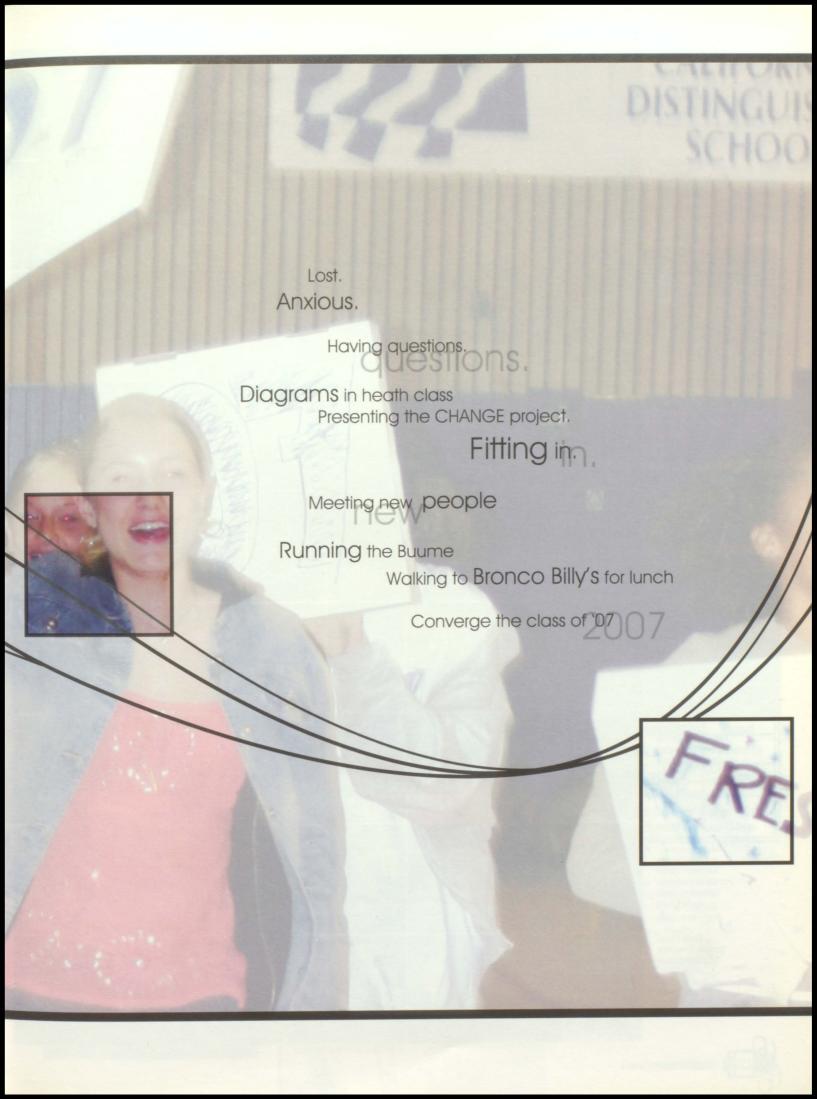
Gordon Sanford Biology Forensics Science



Kerry Huang | 12

"By working with old photographs, the visual narrative project I did gave me a change to find out more about my family and the members who were not with me "





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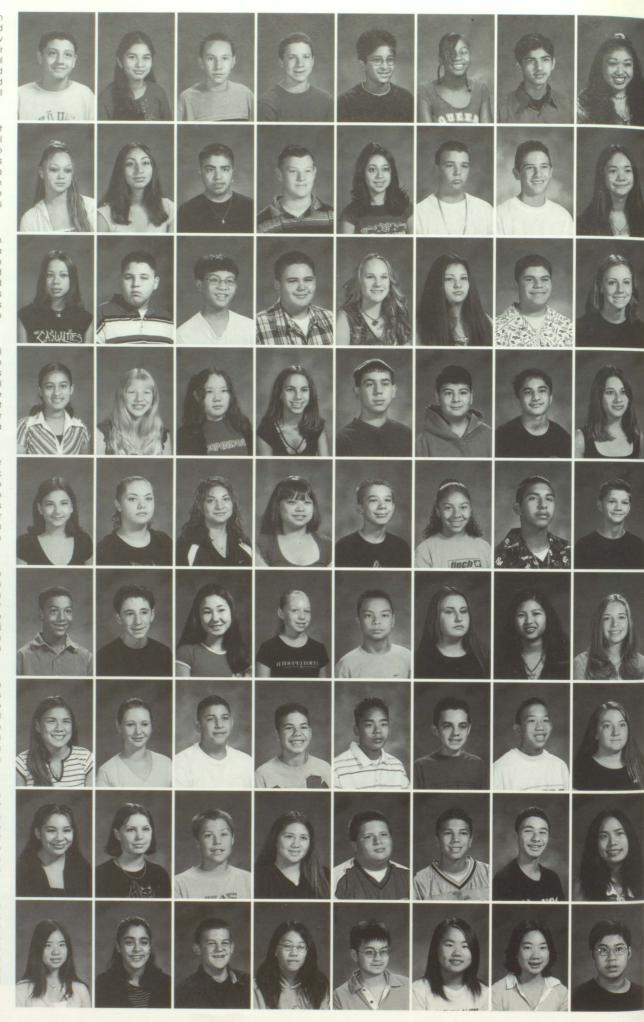
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### "I am the Taskmaster."

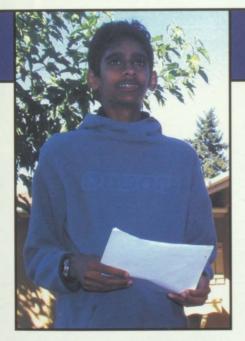
While moving a sign for benchbuilding at Rachel Warmack's house, David Pham and Tarranum Nagpurwala listen to Trisha Mittal's directions. "My house is a mess," says Rachel. Photo: Yvonne Fung

### Strike A Pose.

After taking a quick glance at the yearbook photographer, freshman VP Anuj Verma then continues setting up for the freshman spirit day. Photo: Yvonne Fung



## The long road to Springfield Freshman Officers Guide The 2007 Class By Joviana Carrillo



Trisha Mittal and Anui Verma have known each other since the third grade. No wonder these two make great leaders! To get to know them a little more, we asked them a few questions.

## Q: Why did you join ASB?

Anuj: I wanted to join ASB because I wanted to get involved with the school and meet new people.

Trisha: To have fun and get involved, and improve my leadership [skills].

## Q: What are the hardest decisions you've made in ASB?

Anuj: The hardest decision was to change the freshman theme during spirt week.

Trisha: Deciding things for the class because if people don't like it, I get

## Q: What would you change about ASB if you had the chance?

Anuj: I think ASB should inform the freshman on what's going on.

Trisha: I would want them to have explained bench building earlier!

## Q: Do you enjoy working with the upper classmen?

Anuj: I very much enjoy working with upper classmen, they are all very nice.

Trisha: Yes, they're all really nice and they've already done this [before] so they have advice.

Q: Do you have freshman spirit?!?! Both: OF COURSE!!!



Trisha	<b>Favorites</b>	Anui
Charmed	TV Show	Friends
English	Class	Math
Chocolate	Ice Cream Flavor	Mint Choc. Chip

## "Let's Get Started"

After breaking the news about changing the theme from James Bond to Simpsons, Anuj Verma smiles through the complaints from his peers. "I have ten minutes to clean this up," says Anuj. Photo: Joviana Carrilo

Trisha Mittal attempts to explain the skit to a group of freshman in the cafeteria on the morning of freshman spirit day. Photo: Yvonne Fung



During lunch, Priya Handa and Michelle Sanborn wait for students to buy the Freshman class t-shirt. Michelle tries to fold them nice and neat to attract more customers. Photo: Yvonne Fung

## Representing the Class of

The Freshman Class Council of 03-04 By Yvonne Fung



Freshman Class Council Top Row: Priya Handa, Farah Ali, Michelle Sanborn, Beverly Koloko-Green Bottom Row: Darshan Prasad

very year, the incoming freshmen bring a new life to Irvington's campus. The first year at Irvington is all about high school is the class council's job.

Last year, Beverly Koloko-Green and Darshan Prasad were chosen to be this year's Freshman interns. With so much work needed to be done, the class council expanded within the first month of school. Three positions were filled by: Farah Ali, Priya Handa, and Michelle Sanborn. Farah accepted the position of

fundraising coordinator, Priya undertook the position of treasurer, and Michelle assumed the position of secretary.

Together, they worked on the rigourous transition. To help the freshmen shift into project of benchbuilding and other spirit events. It's all about working together as a team to reach their goals, some of which include unifying the class and encouraging more freshmen to participate in school activities.

> As Beverly Koloko-Green says, "Just because you are a freshman doesn't mean you can't make a difference."

> A superb job for the Freshman class council for another great year! The class of '07 thanks you!



Kendrick Chow Douglas Chu Sloane Chua Richard Chui Bryan Cimino Jordan Clark Sharon Clarke Casev Clifton

Jonathan Cobb Lauren Cochran Joseph Cooper Danielle Corothers Nichole Coy Jessica Craven-banks Fermin Cruz

Courtenay Cummings Ashley Cunha Steven Davis Kevin Delappe Joshua Del Carpio Yvette Delgadillo Thomas Denne Kyle Dennis

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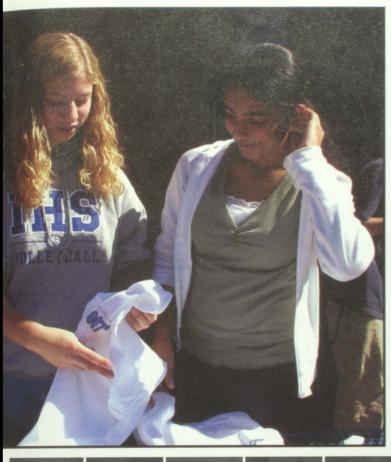














## Just Making Sure...

Peeking over Beverly-Koloko Green's shoulder, Darshan Prasad checks for any possible errors while she sells homecoming tickets. This makes the process of buying dance tickets very efficient. Photo: Yvonne Fung

## Heave Ho!

Up bright and early to set up bench, Farah Ali places a bush at its proper place in the courtyard. "Everything is a lot heavier this early in the morning," says Farah Ali. Photo: Yvonne Fung



















Sarah Dunham Esteban Espinoza Jessica Eugster Brinisha Evans Kristine Evans Parisa Farsi Summy Fatchyar Kenneth Feliciano





























































Jenelle Garcia Christoph Gard Khrystall Garlit Charles Garvin Austin Garza Jonathan Gauss Jessica Gibson David Giguere

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## Don't Worry, Be Happy!

While carrying a large piece of wood, Nancy Wang smiles even though she's under tremendous amounts of pressure. Although this was the expression on a lot of freshmen's faces. "I felt happy to contribute to the school," says Sneha Mathrani. Photo:

Wonne Fung

## "Thanks that was Fun."

After trying for fifteen minutes to saw the wood in half for the power plant building, Ankur Shingali hands the saw to another bench builder. He was a dedicated worker throughout the whole process. *Photo: Joviana Carrillo* 





## Putting the "Spring" in Springfeild The world that freshman built By Joviana Carrillo



## Look Out Below!!!

Benchbuilding is going well with Rachel Warmack overlooking the hardworking freshman. "You need expert planning," she smiles, *Photo:* Joviana Carrillo

## Can We Fix It? Yes, We Can!

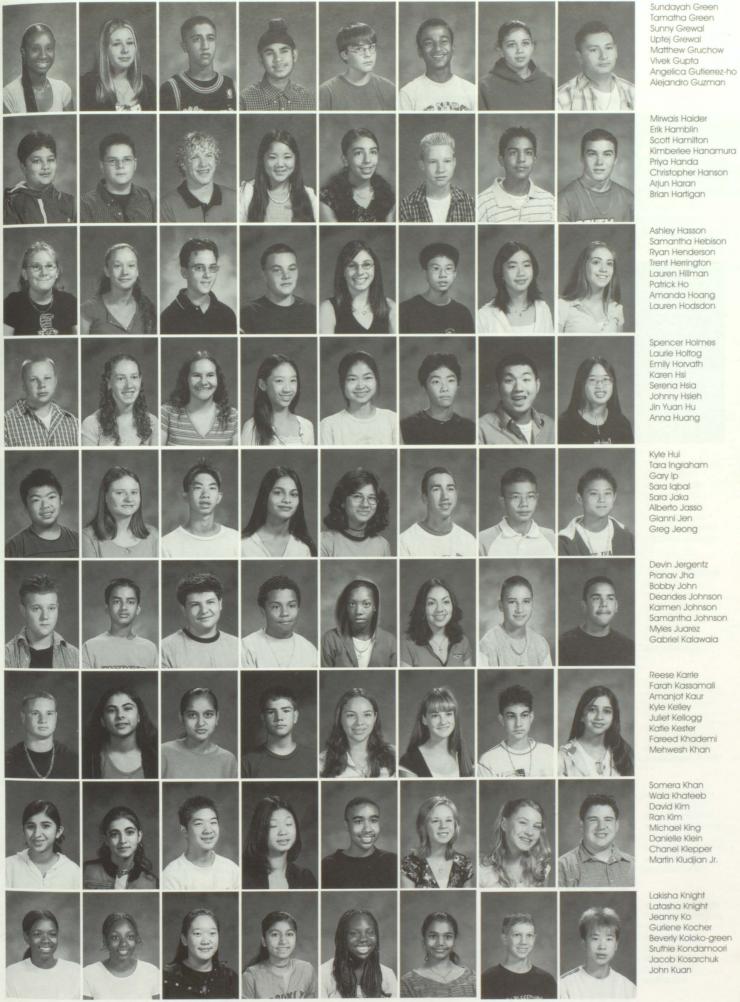
After many failed attempts, Ayush Kumar struggles to saw a piece of wood. It was crucial for the freshmen to have all of their supplies ready. *Photo: Joviana Carrillo* 



wasn't originally signed up for bench building. In fact, I didn't know what exactly it was until I had to go take pictures of it. Perhaps it was building a park bench with '2007' written boldly across it. Maybe we were suppose to dress up as benches... or, maybe it was when they'd give all the old benches to the homeless shelter. Clearly, it was none of the above.

When I sat down on Rachel Warmack's front lawn, it started. I found out what it was - a chance to prove our freshman status as lowly neophytes wrong. The madness began. My dreams became those of dancing paint cans and hammers mocking me, only to wake up from my daydream state and realize that I had missed the nail completely. Doh!

The days dwindled down and we were left with a few quality hours in which to work. Donuts had to be painted, the TV had to be assembled, and the mailbox to be fixed... again. We were as confused as penguins in the desert, but after hard work and two cheese pizzas, we were back on track. We looked at our finished bench, a combination of spirit and Sprite, and could only wish we'd had more time.



## Mmm... Donuts!

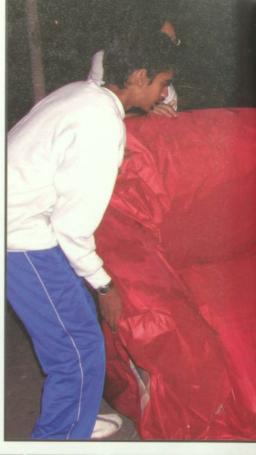
The string had been unknotted and the donuts were ready to be hung. After failed attempts, Darshan Prasad thinks of placing the donuts on trees. Photo: Yvonne Fung

## **Knot Your Average Problem**

After most of the majority of the bench was up, the freshman discover their string is knotted! No worries, Rachel Carmen to the rescuel Photo: Yvonne Fung







Avinash Kumar Ayush Kumar Katherine Kuo Belyn Lai Nasheeta Lally Calvin Lam Danielle Lambson Ashshaki Lane

Kimberlie Lasovich Jamie Lastiri Steven Lastiri Carmen Lau Kate Law Justin Le Nha Le Alexander Lee

> Eunjoo Lee Herrick Lee Jason Lee Abel Leon Chun Leung Daniel Levine Stephanie Li Alan Liang

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Tracey Lockwood Jordan Loewenstein Jared Lomker Jennifer Louie Amy Lovlien Matthew Lowe Albert Luong Barbara Ly













































Freshmen



### **No Couch Potatoes Here**

Lugging a heavy couch from the cafeteria, Anuj Verma, Sneha Mathrani, and Darshan Prasad finally place it in the middle of the courtyard. "Ow, my arms...," Darshan complained. Photo: Yvonne Fung

## The Creation of Homer

The courtyard will never be the same

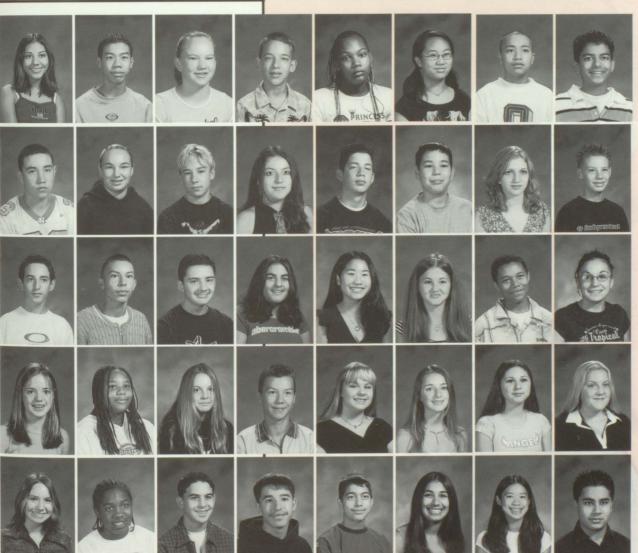
By Joviana Carrillo

It is insanely hard waking up at 5:30 in the a.m so you can haul heavy buildings made of plywood and large red couches.

Sometimes, in mid-heave, you think to yourself about all the other things you could be doing at the time - sleeping, more sleeping, possibly snoring if the occasion called for it. But when it's lunch time and your hard work is displayed in all its glory, you then realize how throwing your sleep cycle off for one day isn't all that bad.

Walking into the courtyard, you are transported into Springfield. The Kwik-E-Mart alerts you to a giant sale while Moe's Tavern is being visited by Officer Wiggum. The brightly colored Simpsons' couch is facing toward a giant television, and "Episode 2007: When freshman took over the world" is playing proudly. The power plant towers are covered in graffiti with the initals of some of the freshman who worked on bench.

It is insanely hard waking up at 5:30 in the a.m., but to look back on two weeks of intense labor is worth throwing off your sleep cycle for one day.



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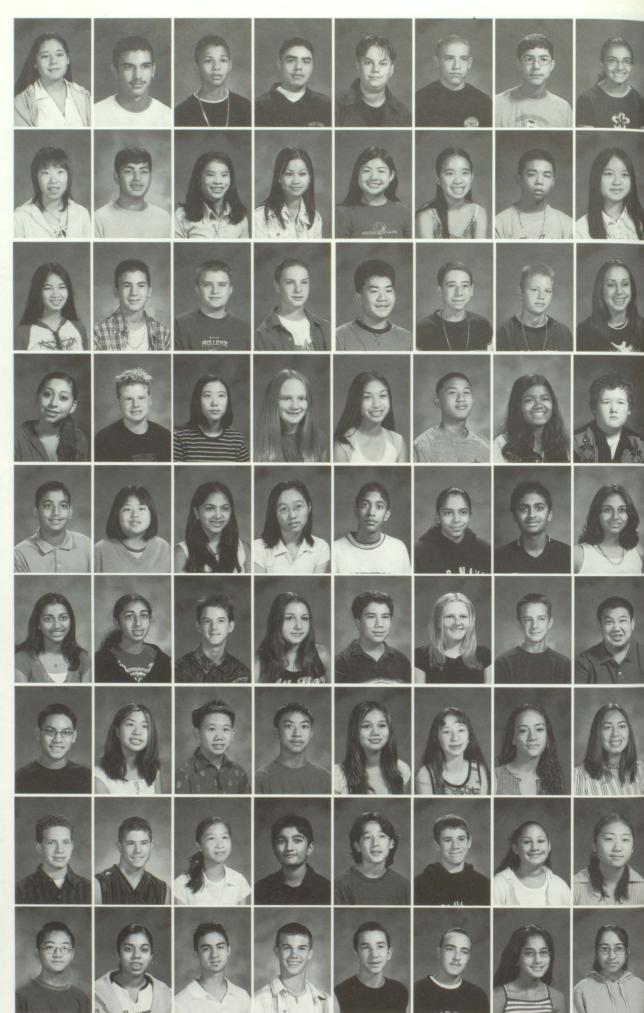
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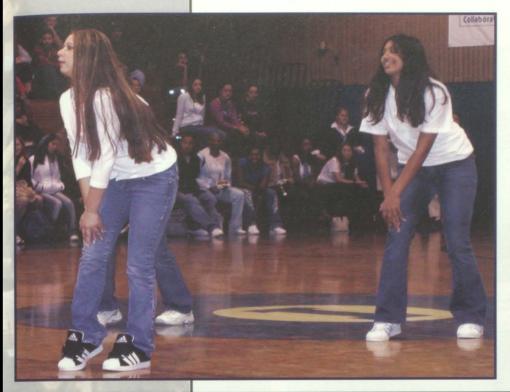
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## This is How We Do It...

Showing their smiling faces, Trisha Mittal and Sabrina Mendez dance during spirit week. "Performing was nerve-wracking," Sabrina Mendez said. Photo: Yvonne Fung

### Go Class of 2007

In front of the other classes, Chanel Klepper and Sadiyah Ahmad show their freshmen spirit. They always want to be a part of spirit events. *Photo: Yvonne Fung* 



## Bringing Springfield to Life The Simpsons Dance Out Irvington By Yvonne Fung



Spirit week for the freshmen was one tedious process. On the first two days, a large group of freshmen came to the gym at lunch and watched other classes present their skit and dance. On Wednesday, October 15, it was the freshmen's day to shine.

The skit was based on an episode of the hit TV show, The Simpsons. In the Simpsons, Springfield and Shelbyville are bitter rivals. The freshmen incorporated that by having Springfield as Irvington, and Shelbyville as Mission. It began with a bunch of talking between the two schools. Then chaos started when "Shelbyville" stole Irvington's mascot.

All of the sudden the gym was filled with the music of an ice cream truck. A group of 6 girls quickly gathered together and started to perform.

"Dancing was easy, but it was hard to make it up really fast," says Alison Orender.

Alison Orender choreographed the dance a few days before it was to be performed. However, with everyone's dedication, they pulled it off. In fact, most of the dancers were here before school, rehearsing for the dance.

"It was fun while it lasted, but it'll be better next year, because we'll be more organized," says Parisa Farsi.

The freshmen look forward to show their spirit next year with an even better performance.

## The Grand Finale

To finish the dance, Parisa Farsi gets on Alison Orender's shoulders. They proceeded to rally the freshmen by traveling across the gym. *Photo:* Yvonne Fung

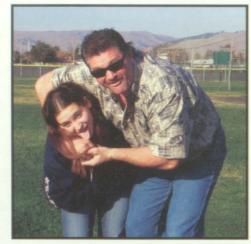
## C'mon Let's Cheer!

Before the skit, Alison Orender, Sneha Mathrani, Barbara Ly, and Areeba Abid try to get the freshmen's attention. Afterwards, Areeba Abid commented, "There were a lot of ups and downs." Photo: Yvonne Fung

## Lainey Seaton

"The people who did the benchbuilding worked really hard, and I am bummed that I wasn't able to participate."







"No...more...air...," Kim Lasovich jokingly says as her father tackles her after school on a familiar field. Mr. Lasovich was on the IHS football team. Photo: Yvonne Fung

## Lets Talk it Over

"I'll remember to pick up my sister today," Spencer Holmes tells his mother, Donna Holmes. He and his mom go over some after-school changes. Photo: Yvonne Fung

## **Taking Some Time Off**

In the June of 2003, Kim Lasovich, her dad, Jim Lasovich, and her stepbrother, Kevin, dine at a restaurant in Hawaii. Family time is important to Kim's family. Photo: Special to SAGA





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## Family Ties

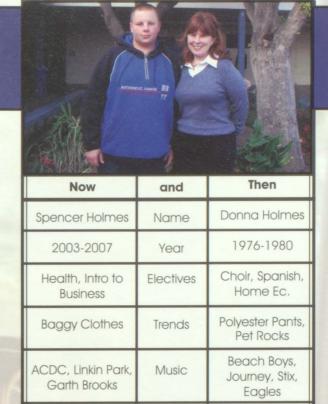
Freshman with parents who went to IHS

By Yvonne Fung

ot many students can say that their parents went to Irvington. After many weeks of searching for students with parental alumni of Irvington, the response was limited. Among them was Kim Lasovich. Kim's dad, Jim Lasovich, attended Irvington during the years of 1975-1978. He says that there are more students since then, and they tend to have more homework.

When asked what his favorite memory of high school was, Mr. Lasovich said, "Probably not a good thing, but there was a teacher strike so we didn't have to go to school much."

Kim doesn't find that there is a lot of advantages just because her dad went to Irvington. However she said, "Knowing that my dad went to Irvington makes me feel closer to him."



Celebrities

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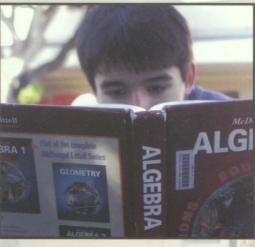
## Shayan Rajabi

Looking hopeless will not get you out of



## **Alex Mitchell**

When you don't know what your teacher is asking, pretend you're



## Freshman Wisdom?

And you thought we had none By Joviana Carrillo

## **Kevin Shen**

advice is to say something witty when you're asked for freshmen wisdom.



## **Trevor Carothers**

Those who fight and run away, live to see another day.

## **Albert Luong**

"Try to avoid honors classes because it's hard to open doors with all the books."

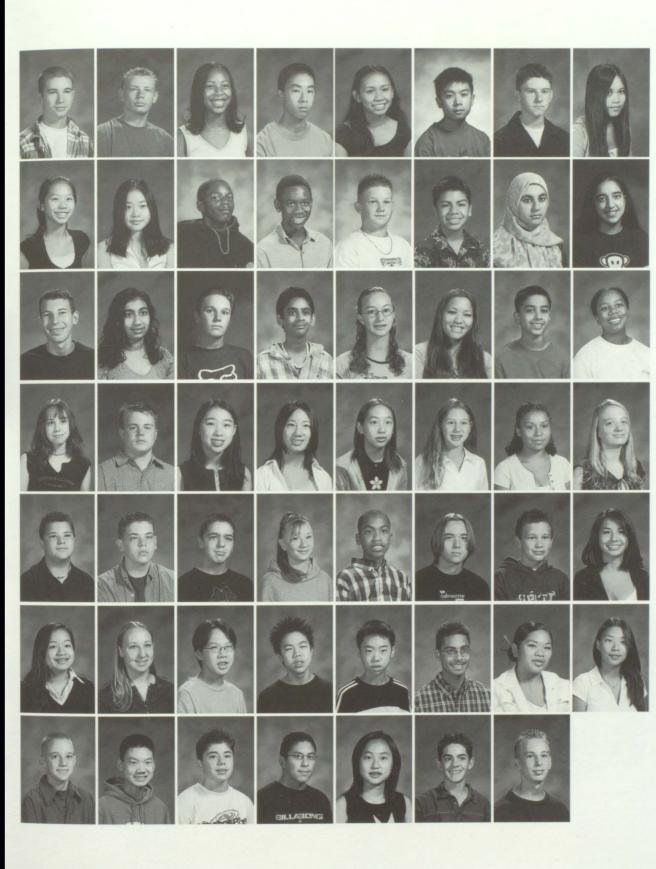


## Kate Law

"Don't mess sophomores next year!







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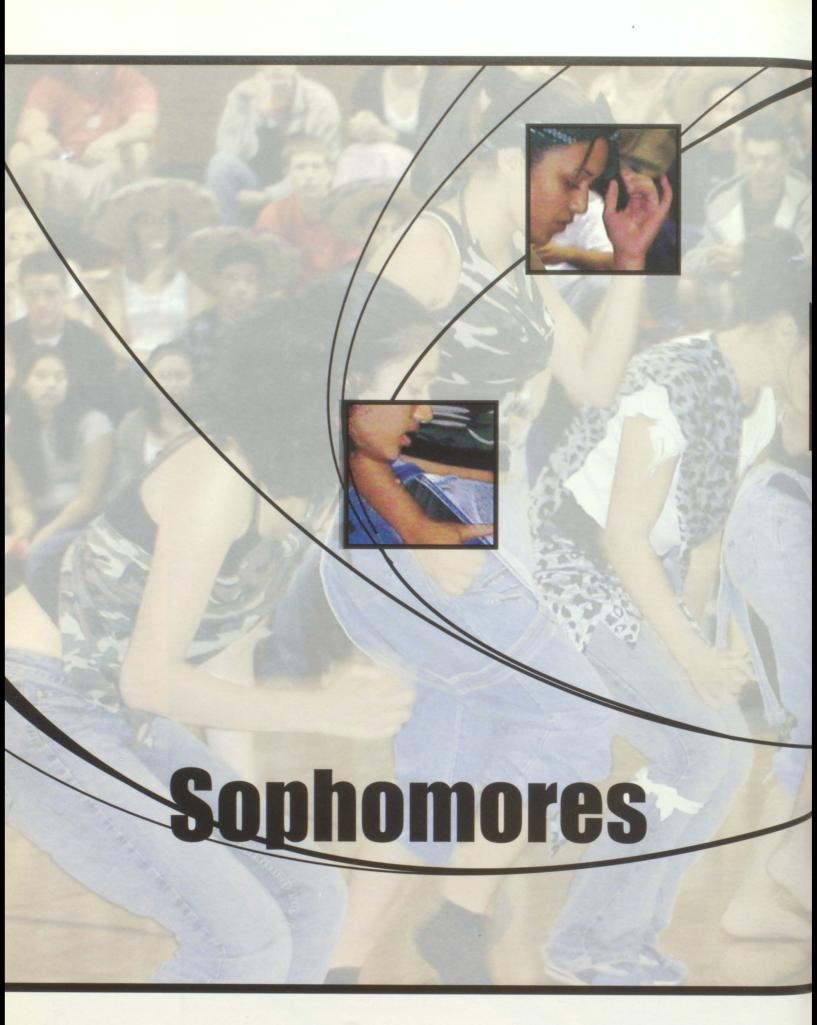
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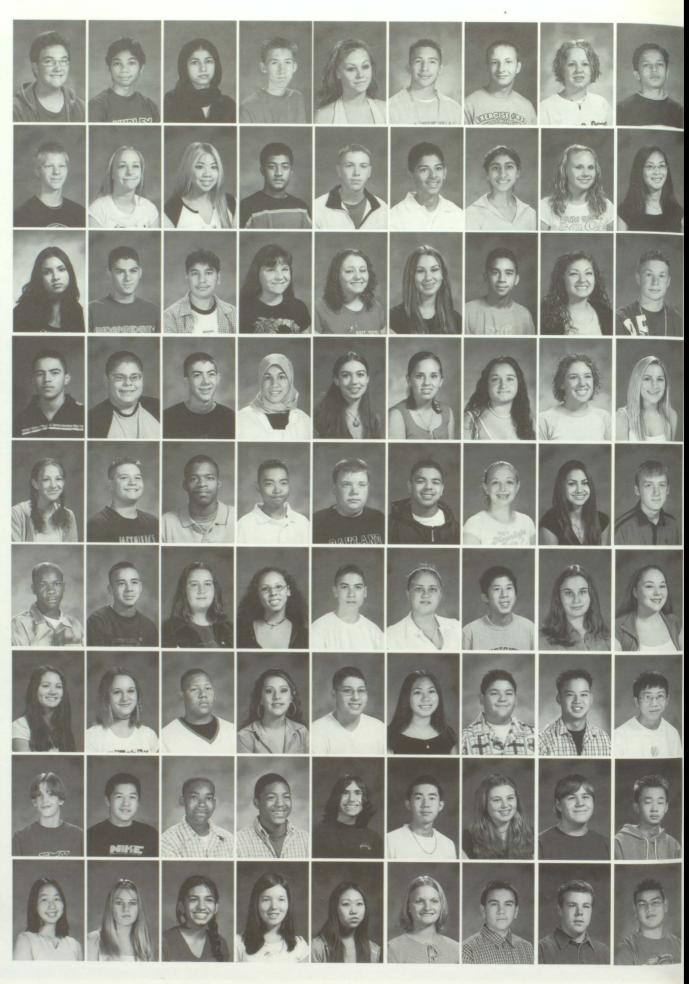
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Emily Burkett
Aubrey Burnham

Jessica Bury
April Bush
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Grace	Favorites	Shreya
Walk to Remember	Book	Gone with the Wind
Mint Chocolate Chip	Ice Cream	Anything with Chocolate
English	Subject	English
Dancing/ singing	Hobbies	Dance/ debate
Spirit week	Most Stressful	Flakes

## The Tribe Hos Spoken

Outwit, Outplay, Outlast to Win it All By Lauren Stewart

They may not have had to eat bugs or live on a deserted island for weeks, but at the end of last year, Shreya Oswal and Grace Jeong outwitted, outplayed and outlasted the other candidates to be elected as our sophomore class officers.

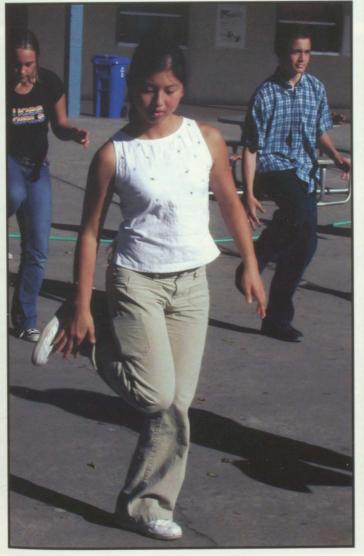
Throughout the year, they had challenges that tested their strength, intelligence, determination, and leadership skills.

We all remember the day that we came to school and found the courtyard decorated like a scene from the reality TV show *Survivor*. These girls are the ones to thank for it. While the rest of us were still

trying to memorize our schedules, these two were planning bench building, a skit, a dance, and games for spirit week.

Last year it appeared that the Freshman class did not exist. Most were happy just to scrape by with the bare minimum, but that didn't happen this year. Shreya and Grace decided that the class of 06 could do better and were determined to show it.

Grace ran for office because "I love the class of 06' I think we are awesome!" These two have a lot in common, they both love to dance, both are in Honors classes, and they both are very passionate about their jobs. They are even looking to the future and planning how to make next year's Junior Prom the best this school has ever seen!







## **Last Dance... Practice**

Dancing in front of a crowd can be nerve-wracking, so Grace rehearses in the courtyard for the big day. *Photo: Nisat Chowdhury* 

## **A Relaxing Moment**

The officers spend many hours planning events. Shreya and Grace proudly pose in the Student Union, which is where it all takes place. Photo: Lauren Stewart

## Time to Decorate

Shreya attaches vines together to hang up in the court yard. She was at school before dawn to set up the display. *Photo: Lauren Stewart* 

## I'm a survivor!

A major portion of spirit week is the dance and skit. Joya Kazi shows off her moves as she dances for the Surviving Sophomores. *Photo: Lauren Stewart* 

## "Make a weird design!"

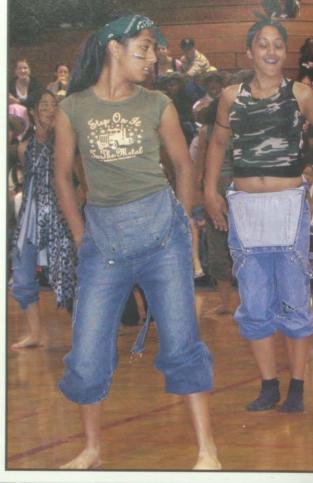
Face painting was a big part of the Sophomore Spirit Day. Michaela Parker proudly shows off her class pride as she gets her face painted before school. *Photo: Nisat Chowdhury* 

## "What do we do with these sticks?"

Michaela Parker struggles around the courtyard with the tribal council torches while setting up the sophomore bench. Photo: Nisat Chowdhury







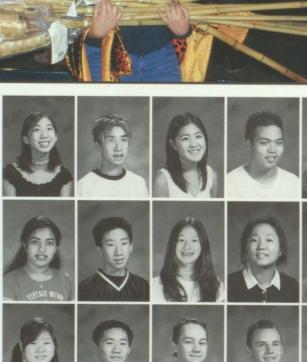
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Jacob Darlcek
Eric Davidson
Shannon Davies
Benjamin Davis
Christopher Day





# Tribot Council

Class council today, Congress tomorrow By Nisat Chowdhury

You've heard their names, you've seen them around, but who exactly makes up the Sophomore class council? Some very talented and dedicated workers, that's who. Their jobs include raising money, showing pride in school, representing their class, and organizing the sophomore bench, skit, and dance.

Q: If you had one thing you could say to the class of '06, what would it be?
Grace Lin: Reach for the stars! There are no limits to what you can do.

Q: How long did you spend preparing for spirit week?

**Grace Lin:** A really, really, really, long time. Everyday after school since the beginning of the year...

Q: What do you like most about your job? Nikhil Singh: Well, it's pretty cool. It's fun. You get to be involved and have a

voice in what happens to your class.

Q: What were your challenges while choreographing the dance?

**Janice Loh:** We were really struggling with the dance and the music. There were a lot of arguments and we didn't get things together until two weeks before.

Q: In the end, how does it feel to serve your school?

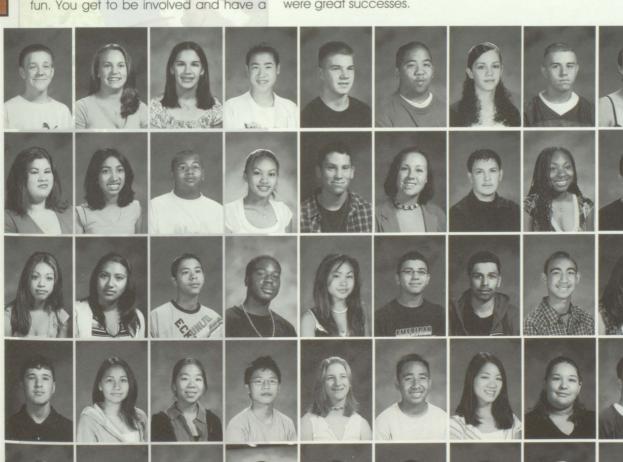
**Sahil Jani:** It feels great. Especially when you see all the work you put into class council and the school will have a positive, direct impact on the students.

Q: What made the dance/skit so successful this year?

Joya Kazi: Everyone who was involved was really dedicated to their work and people were really willing to help out. I'd personally like to give a great round of applause to Shreya, Grace, Tricey, and Kim who choreographed with me. And even though we faced hurdles, we overcame them and our dance and skit were great successes.



Sophomore Class Council
First Row: Emily Burkett, Melissa Hong,
Michaela Parker Second Row: Grace Lin,
Janice Loh Back Row: Nikhil Singh, Joya
Kazi, and Sahil Jani



James Day Staci Dayley Rachel Deating Jeffrey Dee Danny De Gregorio Arvinjay Deguzman Karen Delatorre Edward Demoraes Megan Denevan

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### **Working Hard**

After receiving instructions, Kerri Loh carefully tapes together two cardboard boxes which in the future will be used as a palm tree. Photo:

Jessica Chen

### Artificial...Vine?

Having vines is one of the most important props in a survivor setting, Kerri Loh and Jeffrey Dee slowly dip the artificial vine into the bucket of green paint. *Photo: Jessica Chen* 



### Purpose:

To build a superior bench and bring the class of '06 victory.

### Materials required:

2 days per week / 2 hours a day Paint Newspaper

Cardboard

Wood

Netting

Chicken Wire

Nails

Music

Tarps

### Procedure:

**Step 1:** Survivors began to arrive and the tools were handed out

**Step 2:** President Shreya Oswal and Vice President Grace Jeong assigned tasks to each of the survivors

Step 3: Each survivor began building

Step 4: Built the mask

Step 5: Built the ancient temple

Step 6: Built the waterfall

**Step 7:** Survivors began packing and cleaning all the equipment and materials

**Step 8:** After another long and hard day of building, all of the survivors retreat back home for a well-deserved rest.

### Conclusion:

Approximately 16+ hours of hard work were put into building the Sophomore Bench. The Sophomores showed their class pride with loud cheers during the rallies and the long hours spent building the Survivor bench. Without a doubt, the surviving class of '06 did a superior job in showing the upperclassmen that they have survived and grown from being last year's youngest class. Great job in showing '06 pride!



# Building Steps for Survivot Building Bench, Building Spirt, Building Teamwork By Jessica Chen

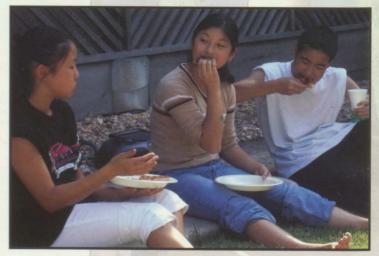
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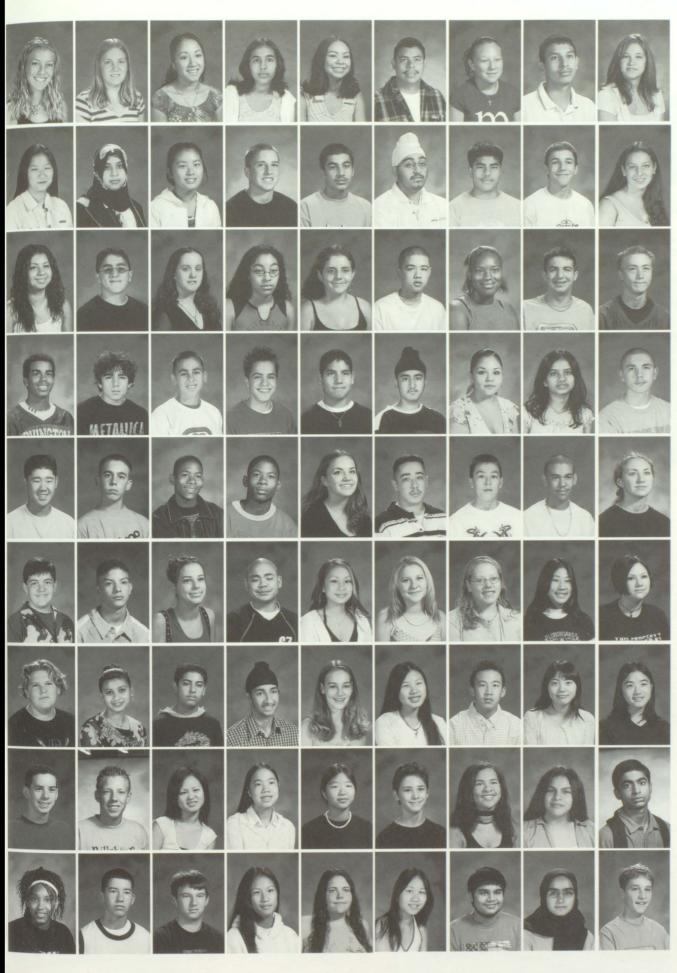
"I had fun. It was a first time experience and I got to meet new people," says Jesse Boado as he slowly tapes the Survivor sign together to avoid any mistakes. Jesse was one of the many people who contributed their time to help build a successful sophomore bench. Photo: Jessica Chen



### **Break Time!**

After hours of building, Kerri Loh, Vice President Grace Jeong, and Jeffrey Dee take time and sit in the shade to eat their pizza and catch up on benchbuilding ideas. Photo: Jessica Chen





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Gina Ger Sumayyah Gettani Linda Giang Kevin Gibson Gurnaik Gill Jupp Gill Anish Godhwani Shane Gomes Veronica Gomes

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Nikola Ivanovic
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Amanda James
Victoria Jang
Sahil Jani
Nida Javeed
Jonathan Jennings

Vines, vines, and more vines.
The pyramid was a major attraction of sophomore bench. Katelind Farmer and Brian Amsler had to cover the pyramid with lots of vines before school started. Photo: Nisat Chowahury

# Survivor Survivor Invington Survivor sophomores pull together bench By Nisat Chowdhury

This year's sophomores decided to be "Survivor". Everybody hurried to raise the bench so that it could be presented to the rest of the school. Excitement and exhilaration were in the air as everyone prepared for a day to show class spirit.

Oct. 14, 2003 6:00 am

Normally, I would be sleeping at this hour but instead I am trudging to school in the dark. As I walk along a deserted sidewalk I ask myself: Why am I doing

this? Why am I giving up precious hours of sleep to go set up card board and vines? The answer came to me as I realized that I do this because I, like many of my fellow classmates, have school spirit, and would like nothing more than for my class to win.

Our theme this year, "Survivor," unified us. Spirit and anticipation were running high as everyone worked to bring the sophomore bench to life. Our bench was based on the TV show "Survivor" and included a pyramid, a fake waterfall, and masks. It all did a great job of representing the class of '06 with signs such as "Danger! You are now entering the class of '06 territory." And "Survivor Sophs." Final touches included vines and camp fires.



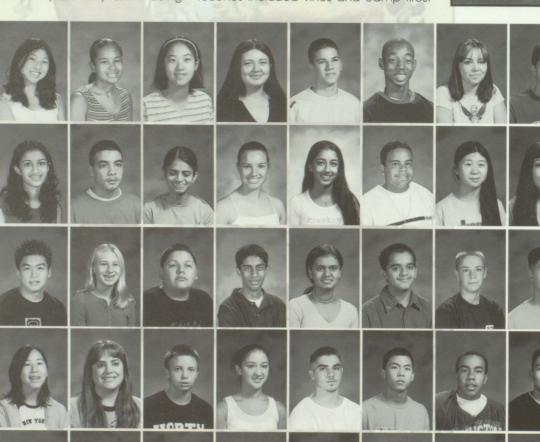
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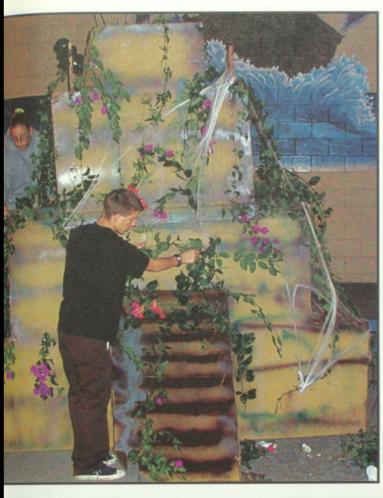
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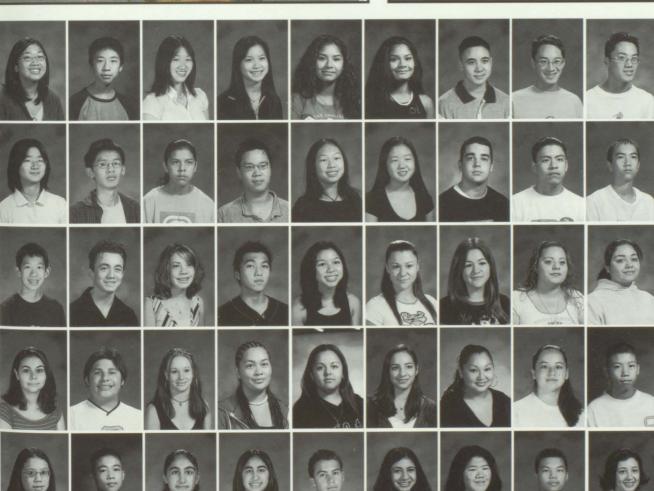
### **Drowning in water!**

There are so many waves that Brian Amsler doesn't know what to do with them. The fake waterfall was one of the many parts of the bench that represented the wilderness. *Photo: Nisat Chowdhury* 

### **Trespassers Beware!**

This is an official warning that you are now in sophomore territory. The class of '06 was quick to claim their area. Photo: Nisat Chowdhury





Valerie Lim Chen Lin Grace Lin Shwe-hyan Lin Amanda Lindemann Andrea Lindemann Austin Little Andrew Liu Peter Liu

Rebecca Liu Robin Liu Antonio Llanos-avila Shih-chie Lo Janice Loh Kerri Loh Matthew Lopes Michael Lopez Kyle Low

Nicholas Low Jonathan Loza Rochelle Lozano Sunny Lu Vy Lu Amanda Ludtke Kelly Ludtke Clarissa Lujan Sandra Lujan

Perla Luna Alexander Lykins Jessica Lynch Shaina Mabalo Angelica Maciel Ana Magana Fatima Magana Jennifer Magana Luc Mai

Uyen Mai Vu Mai Naina Makker Tara Makker Roberto Maldonado Divya Malik Pamela Mar Johnpaul Mariano Estela Marlin Megan Martine Christian Martinez Cody Martinez Gabtiel Martinez Melissa Martinez Yesenia Martinez Melissa Martorella Laura Mason Jad Matar

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> Korrine Mello Edwin Merlos Shaun Meyers Camren Mike Grant Miller Jason Miller Madison Miller Sheryl Minyen Stephen Miranda

Andrew Mitscha Byron Mo Mohammad Mojadidi Sydney Montroy Nicholas Moore Scott Mora Monica Morales Janiece Moreau Rebecca Morine

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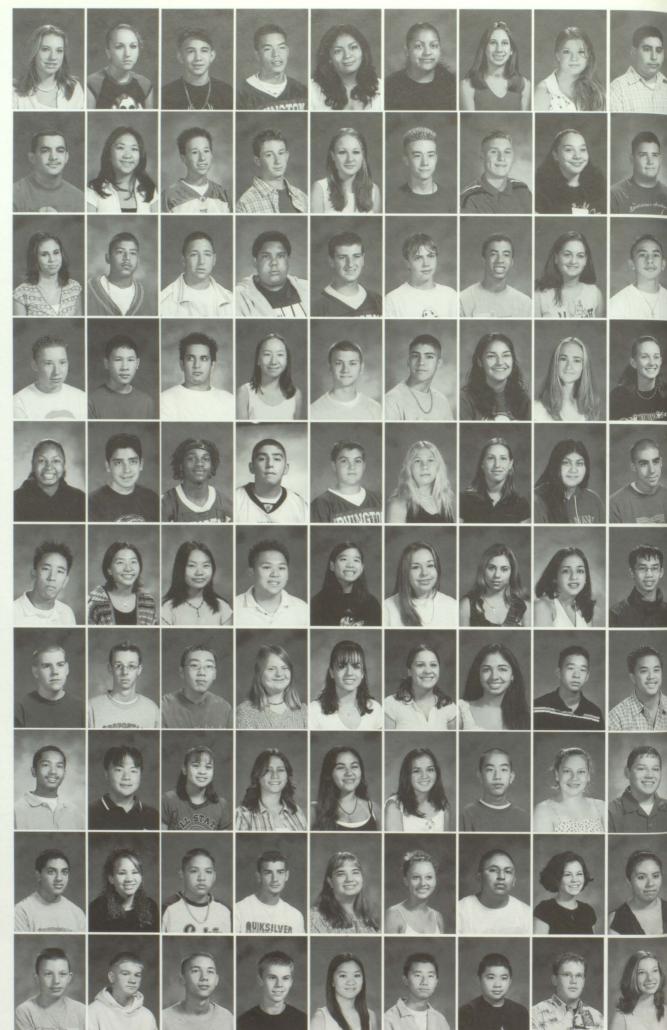
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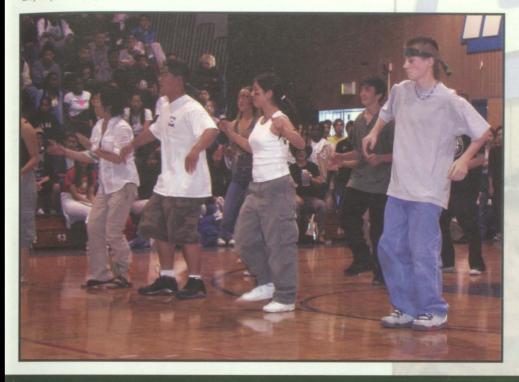
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### Dancing to the beat of...Survivor

Mission tried their best, but of course Irvington won the dance competition. Cindy Tran, Alex Chen, Grace Jeong, and Josh Mcculloch, who represented the Mission team gave it a shot anyway. Photo: Lauren Stewart

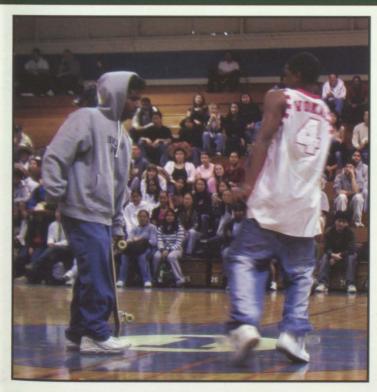


Hard work and dedication is what it takes to put a great skit and dance together. The sophomores proved this to be true and came out stunning.

A definite improvement from last year, the sophomores were organized and great. The dance, choreographed by Tricey Russel, Kim Wyant, and Joya Kazi, was a huge success with about 40 people participating. The skit was a pretend show with an Irvington tribe and a Mission tribe. The challenges included eating a gummi worm, making fire, and having a dance off. The freshman and seniors couldn't hold down the worm and the juniors were scared of the fire which left the surviving sophomores to compete in a dance off. Of course, Mission was no match for us so the sophomores brought it home and won to get the title of the Ultimate Survivor!

# Could You Survive?

Dance, act, the sophomores can do it all By Caitlin Gallacher



### Dance off!

Look at those moves. Joseph Carrethers and Steven Swaby show off their skills during the sophomore skit and dance. Photo: Caitlin Gallacher



### Our tribe, our pride

Sonali Shanker, Melissa Hong, Michaela Parker and Renald Tamse lead Tribe Irvington to their challenges and help keep spirit up. *Photo: Nisat Chowdhury* 

### Ms. Michelle Lau | Staff

It is a privilege to be advisor for the sophomore class because I am able to watch them practice the skit and dance. They have a lot more spirit than last year and I am proud of their silver medal.



### A Walk Around School

Katle Farmer and Rebecca Felitz take a rest near the portables. "This area used to be auto shop," Ms. Felitz informs her daughter, Photo: Lauren Stewart

### **Happy Birthday!**

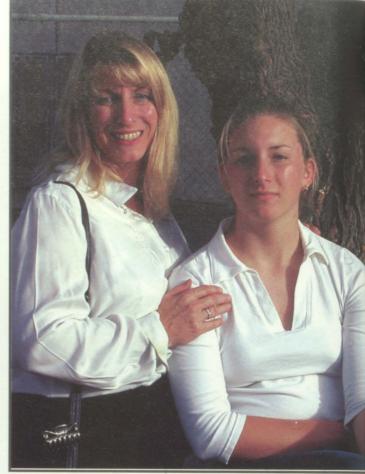
At her mother's birthday party, Rebecca poses with her parents and siblings. Many of them are Irvington alumni. Photo: Courtesy of Rebecca Felitz

### Go Vikings!

In 1969 Ms. Susen Flow was an I.H.S. Spirit leader. She was also on homecoming court. Photo: Courtesy of Susan Flowe







Vickrim Prakash Michael Pride Melody Prince Kristina Punwani Usman Qasim Cathy Qu Saira Quinonez Mustafa Rafique Shawn Ramfert

David Ramirez Joshua Randall Steven Randolph Andrew Regopoulos Ashley Resendez Woo Hyung Rha Kristen Rinehart-cam Robert Rios David Rippee

Christian Rivera Jayson Roberts Jasmine Robles Jose Robles Chelsea Rodenborn Jonathan Rodgers Oneida Rodriguez Jessyca Romeo Crystal Rooks

Daniel Rossi Patrice Russell Natalie Sabeh Sonya Sachdeva Mariam Saeed Audil Safi Nathan Salvador Jennifer Saminathen Steven Sanchez

Debbie Santiago Shanna Sare Daniel Sauceda Jake Scallan Thomas Schall Briana Schmidt Angelique Scott Jonathan ScottKristin Sekiguchi



















































# Formity Ties Sophomore students carry on the Irvington tradition By Lauren Stewart

very year Irvington changes a little bit. It sees new students, new clubs, and new classes. So ask yourself, if we could travel back in time to when our parents were in school, would we recognize it as the school we know today?

To find out how different our school was in 1975 let's talk to Katle Farmer and her mother, Rebecca Felitz, who also attended Irvington. Katie has many relatives that are Irvington alumni including three uncles (Rick Felitz, Robert Kaufman, and Phil Houseworth); two of her aunts (Robin and Reney Felitz); and three of her cousins (Robert, Janet and Jimmy Merten).

Q: Who is/was your favorite teacher? Katie: Mrs. Vila, she teaches math.

Rebecca: Ms. King

Q: What is/was your favorite subject?

Katie: Probably Math

Rebecca: Typing, it was a lot of fun, or ASB-I

was the secretary.

Q: What electives are you taking/did you take?

Katie: Right now I only have band.

Rebecca: We were all going be secretaries so I took shorthand, typing, and business.

**Q:** What were your after school activites?

Katie: I like to read. Also, we had bench building at our house this year.

Rebecca: We did a lot with art and Spirit Week.

Q: Where do/did you eat lunch?

Katie: In Ms. Lau's room.

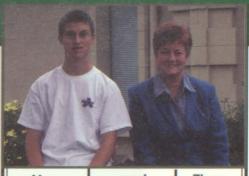
Rebecca: We had closed campus lunches until my senior or junior year, after that we would walk home.

Q: What kind of music did you listen to? Katie: I listen to everything but rap.

Rebecca: I loved Chicago, Elton John and the Beach Boys.

### **Did You Know That:**

Girls did not wear pants to school until 1970 and that you could go to a concert for only \$3.50 in 1969.



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Now	and	Then
2006	Class of	1969
Bus	Transit	Walking
Burrito/Pizza	Lunch	Cafeteria
Pete Murchison	Principal	Clyde Voorhees
None	Music	Beatles/ Chicago
X-Country/ Fencing	Electives/ teams	Cheer



Matthew Sellers Ashton Senior Melody Sesma Karen Set Ankur Shah Sarah Shahid Ali Shaikh Zafir Shaiq Sonali Shanker

Derrick Shannon Dennis Shao Mohammed Shariff Aditi Sharma Sarah Sheikh Jeremy Shepherd Aditi Sherikar Pavel Shokun Cory Short

Effie Shum Isaac Siliga John Siliga Amandeep Singh Hargurjit Singh Jasminder Singh Manpreet Singh Nikhil Singh Sarabilt Sinah

Devvrat Sinha Adam Smith Carolyn Smith Derek Smith Kelly Smith Robert Smith Wesley Smith Kathleen Smoak Kvaw Soe

Chris Solomon Alicia Starkey Amber Steiner Lauren Stewart Andre Storm Ashley Strong Yasuko Suzuki Steven Swaby-clacke Bonnie Swartz

### Vikram Prakash

Try to get a locker which isn't in a social area of the hall so you have easy acess to it.



### Tricey Russell

Don't like (or fall in love with) too many people your first year because you'll have no one to like for the rest of high school.



### Perla Luna

Darn those freshmen! They don't know how good they have it! Once you get to sophomore year everything goes downhill with tests, quizzes, and homework. Appreciate your leisurely year because it only gets worse.



# Possing on the Wisdom Two years behind them, two more to go By Nisat Chowdhury

Melody Sesma & Ashley Pangelinan

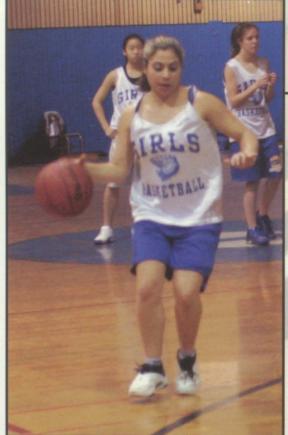
Make friends with as many people as you can, no matter what grade they are in. The more friends you make, the more fun you'll have.



### Sara Kayser

Don't procrastinate because if you fall behind on one subject you fall behind on all of them. Before you know it, you'll be stuck doing everything at once.



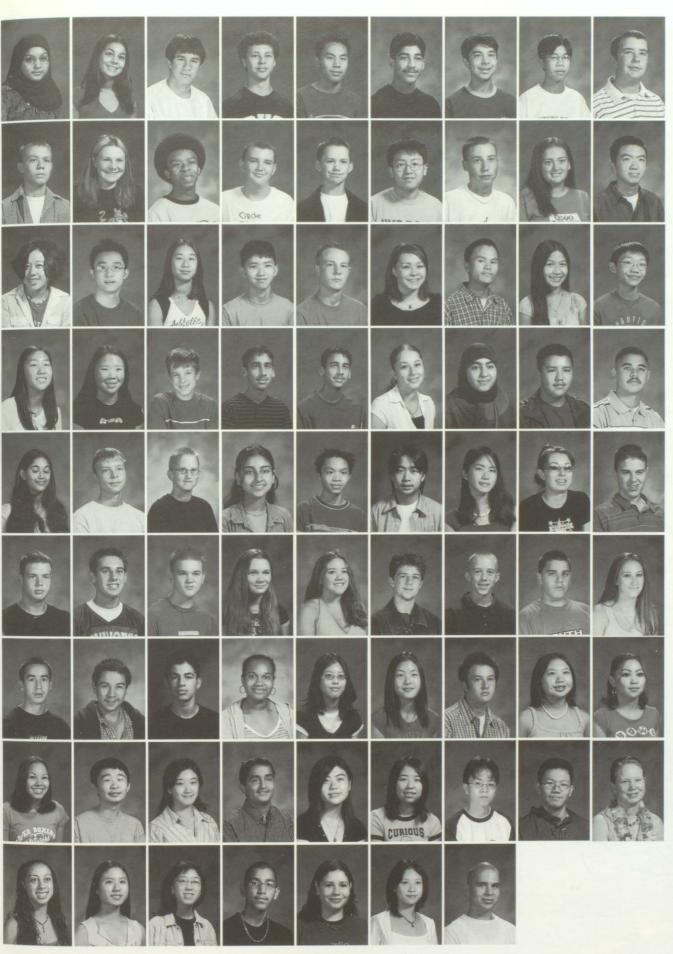


### Teresa Nigro

You should get involved in sports because it's good to be a part of a team so that you can work together to win!







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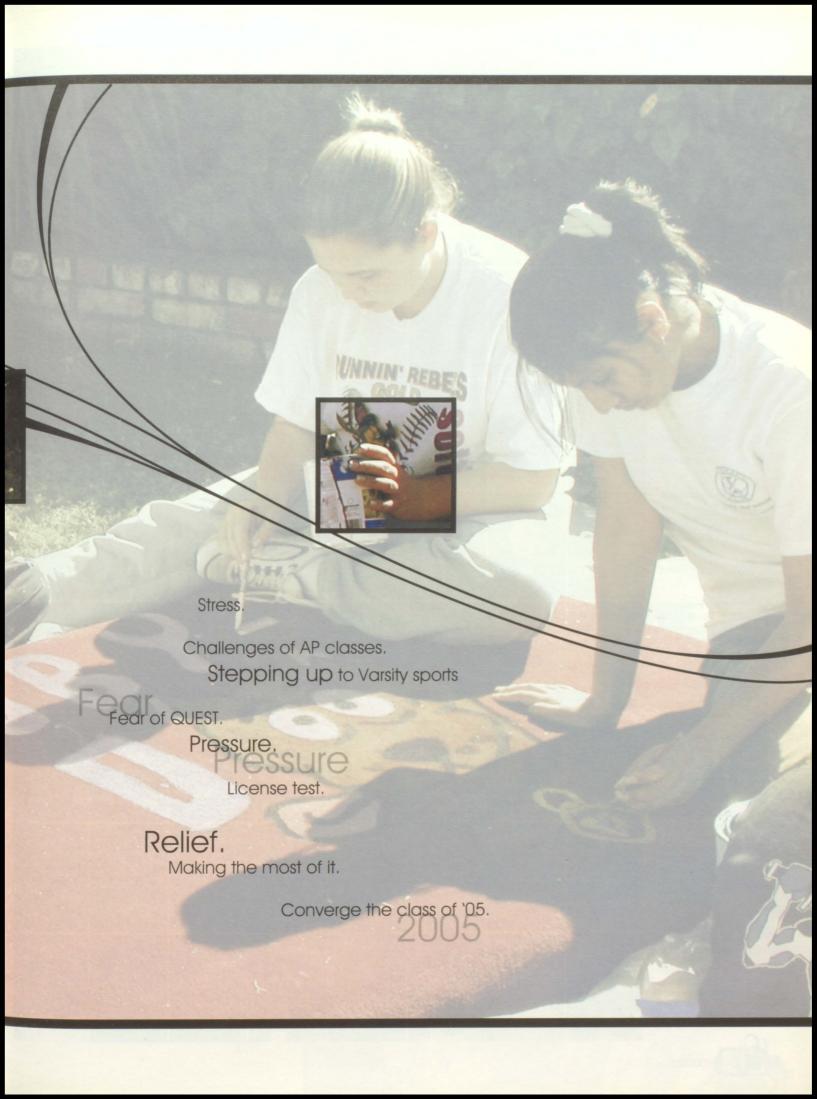
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Samantha Youre Yi Yu Jessica Yun Harun-fah Yusuf Sarah Zellman Connie Zheng Anthony Zmolek

# Juniors



Ricky Abeyta Megan Adair Diego Aguilar Sadaf Ahmed Sarah Ahmed Ashleigh Alcock Ryan Alducente Ariel Amberden Ilse Amezcua Donna Androwsky Cheryl Anit Ariel Arevalo Tamara Arias Jewel Armstrong Kathleen Ashley Samihah Azim Nyssa Baca Reza Bahadur Manjot Bains Nadine Balagot Christina Balbiani Ramona Balugo Michael Barrett Justin Barretto Sarah Baugher Daniel Becerra Mark Behrens Lacey Benson Nathan Berge Brian Bernhard Meghann Bird Casey Blair

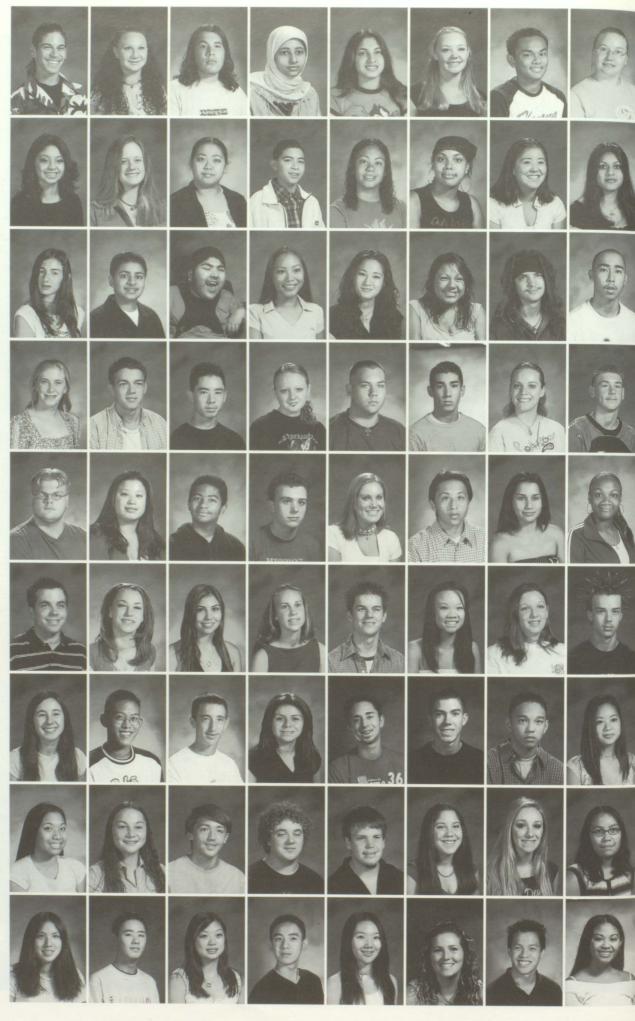
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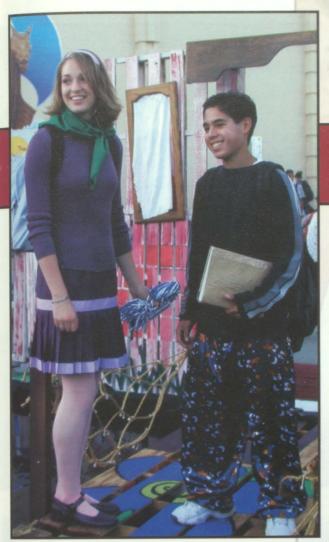
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Anna Chan Han-ping Chang Shelley Chang Stephen Chen Lu Cheng Cassidy Cheskiewicz Ryan Chhi Marie Chichioco







Posing as Daphne, Alison Nielson stands with Garret Santo in front of the haunted mansion. The haunted mansion came complete with a pool and broken glass windows. Photo: Melody Chu

# Leading us to 2005

Junior Class Officers take it up a notch! By Julia Green

ur Junior class president, Garrett Santo, ran for the ASB position because "I love leading our class to be successful and watching it be successful. My position allows me to go above and beyond creatively without having totally set boundaries." In the vear 2002-2003 Garrett was already an unofficial member of the ASB and this was just the next logical step for him.

Our junior class vice president, Alison Nielson ran for the ASB position because "I wanted Junior class year to be the best and a fun memory. I also wanted to get more involved and that has definitely happened." Even though this new position can be stressful, she still helped make junior year memorable.

### **Garrett Santo's Notes**

How many juniors does it take to beat the seniors? None, because we already won!

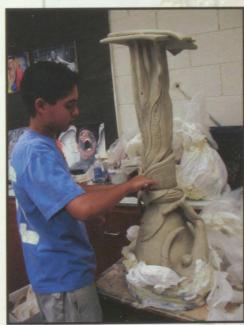
- Kick butt in bench Attempt to make guys dance
- Spirit
- X 05 takes over the school
- X Unforgettable prom Perfect the use of

Burlap

- X Community service (teach the freshmen the fundamentals of sawing and nailing)
- X Teach the survivors how to really survive (without



OR FOR			
Alison	<b>Favorites</b>	Garrett	
Harry Potter	Book	None	
Photo	Subject	Art	
Volleyball	Sport	Soccer	
Spanish	Clubs	JSA CSF Mecha	
Pirates of the Car- ribean	Movies	Final Destina- tion	



### **Not-so Hidden Talents**

Sculpting in his art class, Garrett Santo becomes wrapped up in what he is doing. Garrett's talent frightens the other classes before spirit week begins. Photo: Julia Green



### **Drilling the Spirit**

The Mystery Machine from Scooby Doo was put together by Alison Nielson. The van was almost life size and was painted accurately with real door handles. Photo: Manika Casterlline



Junior Class Council
Front Row: Ashleigh Alcock,
Christiana Hoiland, Corey Fujioka,
Pamela Hong, Noelle Blanco, Sarah
Khanghahi Second Row: Tawny
Schrodetzki, Mark Loeswick, Alison
King, Alison Nielsen, Tiffany Nunes,
Ami Patel Back Row: Garrett Santo,
Lauren Ritchie, Mark Thayer

The Junior Class Council - A union of diverse students who plan the Junior Prom and Spirit Week. The JCC is a cabinet under the Junior class presidents, Garrett Santo and Alison Nielsen.

The JCC is an expert at fundraising for Junior Prom. Their activities include the Bowlathon over the summer and the Irvington Class Calender, which features the superlatives of Viking students.

Christina Balbiani says: "No matter where we come from, we come together with a mutual interest for the junior class." Because of this dedication towards their class, your concerns, opinions, ideas and recommendations can be heard through the council and given consideration.

"It gives Juniors the opportunity to voice their opinions and desires regarding issues such as prom, fundraising, class T-shirts, etcetera," says council member Tawny Schrodetzki. "We hold meetings where we discuss our budget and any upcoming events we need to prepare for. It's fun because you meet a lot of new people and the meetings become social activities, not just business."

It looks as if the Juniors have perfected the art of working in the class council; besides always working hard to support the Junior class in any way possible, the members also have maintained a balance by coming together to enjoy themselves and have a good time. It's an experience the JCC of 2005 won't soon forget.

# Otherwise Known as Class "J"

What can't this Junior Class Council do for you?

By Kyle Stephens

RVINGTON

Sergey Chikanov Li-jiun Chiu Rick Chiu Alice Cho Kwan Fai Choi Michelle Choi Yeah-jean Choi Yeah-jess Choi

Tiffany Chui Eric Chung Robert Clay Michelle Clegg Dana Cliffon Erica Contreras Amy Cook Benjamin Cory

Renato Cruz
Alexander Dao
Edward Davis
Jennifer Delacruz
Karlos Delatorre
Jenisse Demeulenaere
Kyle Denne
Jerrie Dequinia

Christoph Dizon
Patrick Dizon
Jessica Do
Tammy Do
Tuan Do
Michelle Doerner
Louie Donesa
Amanda Drummond







"Being part of the Class Council was a defining experience of my Junior year. Not only did I meet awesome people, I also came to appreciate the inner workings of school events."



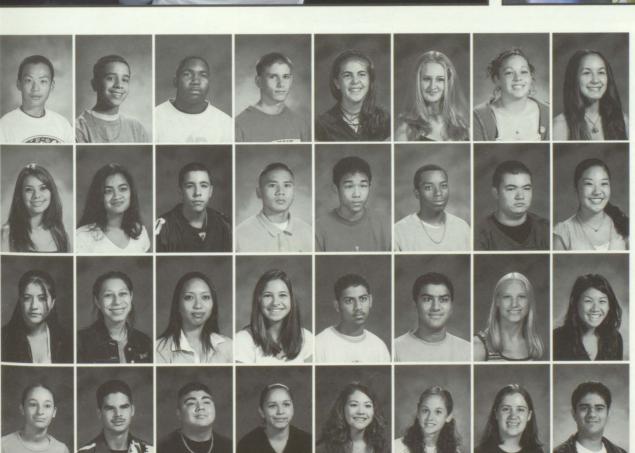


Noelle Blanco, Tawny Schrodetzki, Corey Fujioka, Erica Sanborn, Sarah Khangahi, and Ashleigh Alcock discuss one of their projects, the Irvington Calandar. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

### Dedication

The Junior Class Council, in its quest to serve its class, promotes events pertinent to Juniors. Mark Thayer does so by putting up a Spirit Week poster. *Photo: Kyle Stephens* 





Jovito Du Mario Duran Jefferson Eberhardt Thomas Edwards Elizabeth Emge Shawn Engley Jessica Eshom-hall Elisa Esplana

Claudia Esquivel Nicole Fernandes Michael Ferreira Adrian Ferrer Franklin Fok Willdy Frank Michael Frary Corey Fujioka

Victoria Galvan-flore Antonia Garcia Roxanne Garcia Whitney Garza Omar Gettani Amar Ghodasara Shea Gluhm Dianne Go

Mercedes Gomez Raymond Gonzales Jeffrey Gonzalez Paola Granados Alexis Green Carly Green Julia Green Gurchetan Grewal

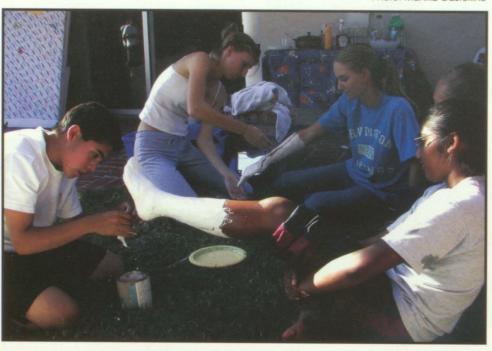


Amanda Winkley

We worked really hard, and I'd say it paid off in the end we won!"

### **Casting Callbacks**

Arms and legs are being cast for the graveyard by Garrett Santo and Erica Sanborn. Michelle Doerner and Kavitha Mattaparthi give up comfort for the sake of an amazing bench. Photo: Manika Casterline



blood-curdling screech penetrates the silence of the moonlit twillight. The road is paved for a debut as Jinkies Juniors!

Indeed, the class of 2005 had the ardous task of devising a ghoul for their bench. This year the class broke from their regular cliques & forged new relationships, leading their class to Spirit Week 2003 in the process.

The diversity of '05 led to a completely unique plethora of creative input. Lauren Ritchie claims, "Benchbuilding is really awesome because all the people you see in the hallways you finally get to meet. You get to see where people's strengths lie, and you get to see strengths develop while working towards the same goal of creating an amazing bench."

The Mystery Mansion was an exhibition of an eerie horror flick dabbled with ingenuity. The principle objective of this unification was attaining that triple crown. Three time benchbuilder Alison King stated, "I think benchbuilding is a lot of fun and it is a good way for us all to bond." She followed up with the joke "How many juniors does it take to beat a senior..."

# "Gone Jinkies" For The OF

At Alison's house, the Juniors work hard on their bench... By Manika Casterline

### **A Lake Drained**

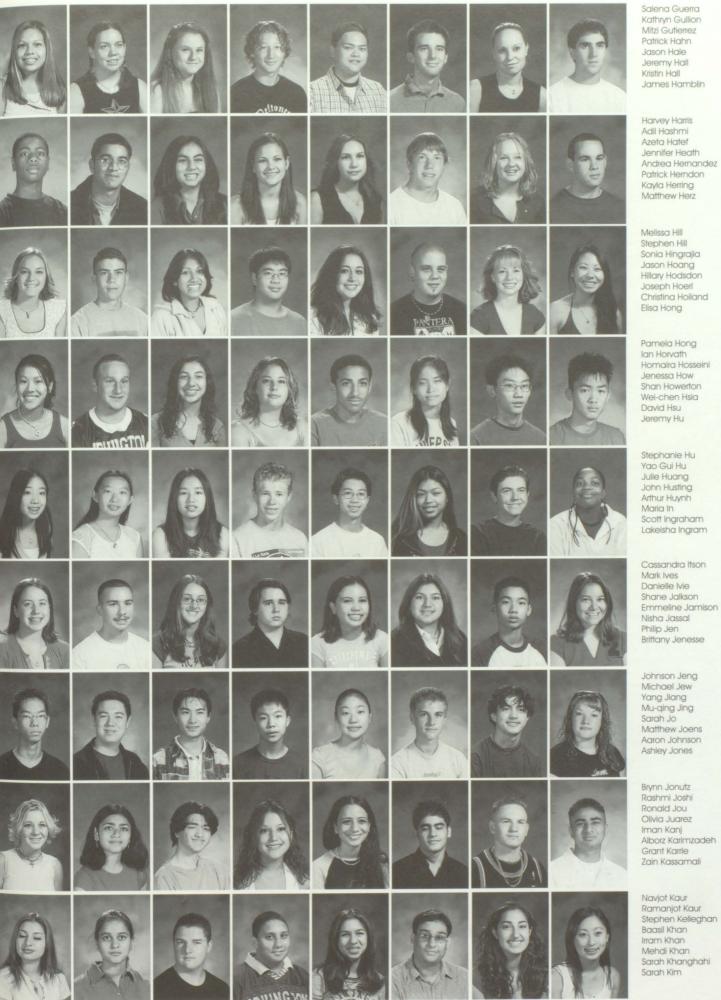
Cleaning up takes group effort. After school, Jerrie Dequinia, Mark Thayer, and Azeta Hatef take down the tarp used for the impressive pond in the Junior bench. Photo: Manika Casterline



### **Graveyard Shift**

Though not quite a midnight labor, Julia Green and Ashleigh Alcock still work hard to make tombstones for the graveyard in the Junior bench. Photo: Manika Casterline





### **Haunted House?**

As the water runs under the bridge, students walk across with amazement. As the center of courtyard attraction during Junior's Day, the decorated bridge impressed all of the staff and students. Photo: Johnson Jeng



### Any Door For Sale?

Using old doors and buckets of paint, the Junior class painted the doors and made an interesting hallway of mirroring doors. *Photo: Johnson Jeng* 

### **Scooby Dooby Doo!**

Projected from a transparency, Junior artists drew Scooby Doo on cardboard and brought him to life. Scooby brought joy to many fellow students of all classes. *Photo: Johnson* 





Alison King Jesse Kleinsasser Raymun Kohli Fanny Koloko-green Joseph Kong Keerti Kosuru Jessica Krauhs Hazel Laguardia

Tommy Lamanna
Ashley Lambert
Melacy Lamont
Christa Landry
Taylor Lapin
Justin Lau
Joshua Lawler
Thuy-nhu Le

Eric Leavit
Cody Ledo
Kristine Lee
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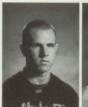


















# This is Scools & Reign

Scooby's world takes over the courtyard

By Johnson Jeng

All hail King Scooby! Irvington students walk through the courtyard as they cheer the arrival of King Scooby's escort, The Mystery Machine.

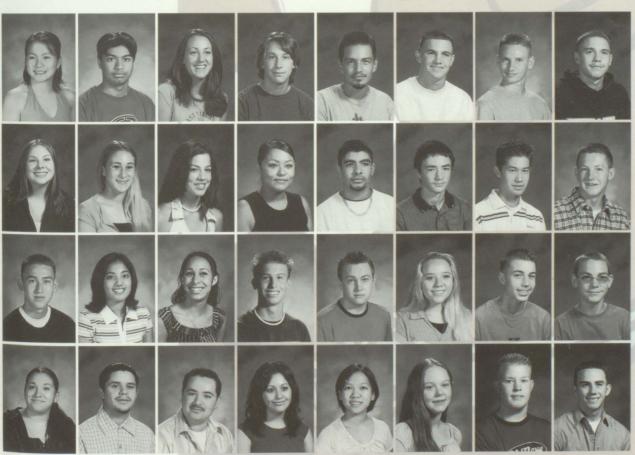
The Junior Class Council has arranged for a team of specially members to represent the building of the king's village. Through hours of suffering and sweating, weeks of construction have finally paid off. King Scooby wants to welcome the lower class of Irvington to enter his world of Scooby television. From his room to his TV, our king led us into his world as we walked along the paved path to start our journey. As we came upon the lake before entering his castle, villagers hold their breaths as they walk across the creaking bridge.

They glanced below and saw the cold water running under them. As our villagers finally made it across the bridge, they entered into the castle. Scooby's fantasy world has just begun.



### Mystery Machine: The Inside Scoop!

Made out of cardboard and adorned with paint, the juniors built an almost full size model of the Mystery Machine. To create this masterpiece, Corey Fujioka had to lie down under it in an attempt to piece the Mystery Machine together from inside!



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Natalie Mariais Amanda Marotta Rebekah Marquez Gabrielle Marriott Jacob Marroquin Andrey Martchovsky Brandon Martin Clayton Massey

John Mathias Kavitha Mattaparthi Nicole Maxwell Trevor May Christoph Mcdowell Sarah Mcgaffey William Mcintosh Martin Mckeefery

Elizabeth Medina Jesus Medina Jose Mendoza Yamilette Mendoza Carissa Messah Melissa Metcalf Erik Miller Dustan Millward

Mark Milton Brandon Minyen Katie Mirabelli Elisa Miranda Pegah Mirzataghi-c Amar Mistry Jameil Mitchell Dmitri Molchanov

Elena Montoya Amanda Mooney Ryan Moore Andrea Moreno David Moreno Rebecca Morine Daniel Morrissey Christoph Mott

Tawny Mount
Matthew Mountford
Sonia Murthy
Danny Na
Mario Navarro
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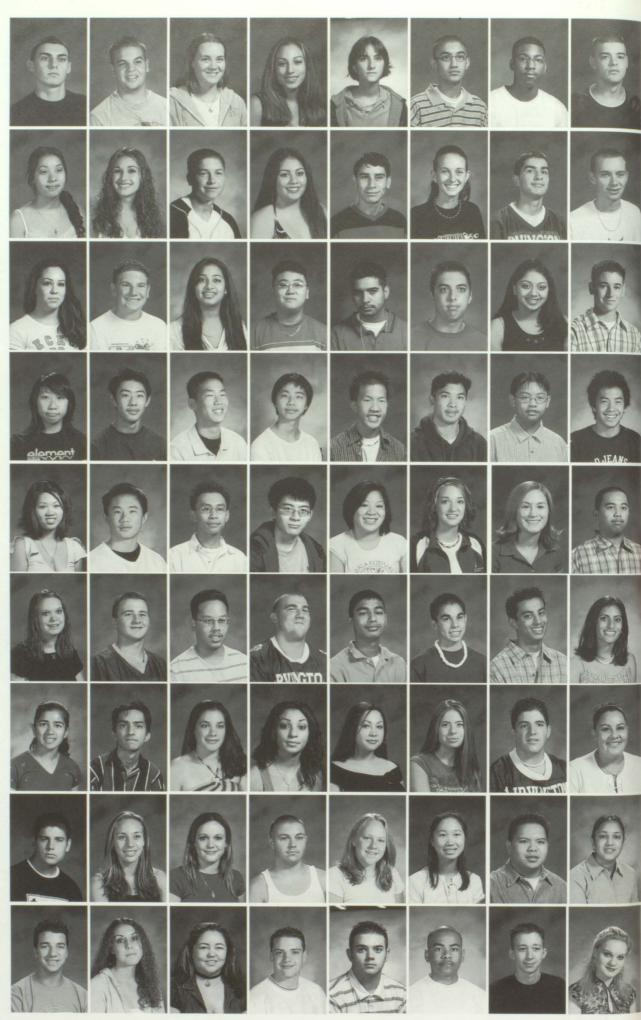
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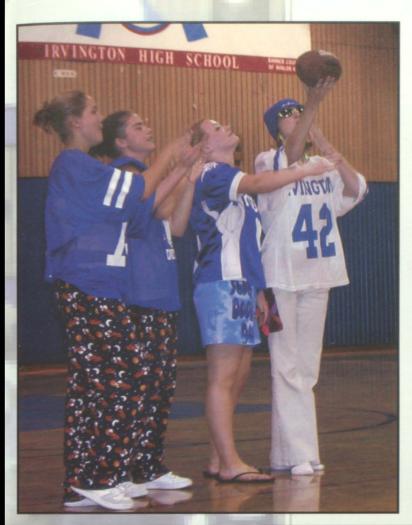
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Ryan Ramos Christina Raymond Samantha Reagor Jason Reed Anthony Rego Marlon Reynolds Martin Reynolds Kimberly Rickett







### Passing the Ball of Victory

At the beginning of the skit, Melissa Hill, Tawny Schrodetzki, Ashliegh Alcock, and Erica Sanborn hold up the game ball. This is their version of a winning game for Homecoming during spirit week.

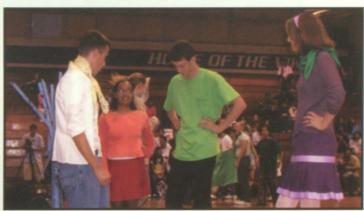


### Dancing to the Rhythm

Giving it all they had, Tawny Schrodetzki, Ashleigh Alcock, and Melissa Hill dance away during the Junior dance. There they showed what the junior class is made of during Spirit Week. Photo: Wendy Lao

### A Mystery to be Solved...

Contemplating how to solve the mystery are Mark Thayer, Manika Casterline, Mark Loeswick, and Alison Neilson. With all those groovy clothes, how could they not figure it out? Photo: Wendy Lao



# Journey Down to Mystery Monsion!

A look at the oh so infamous mystery gang By Irram Khan



Before the bell for lunch could ring I was already on my way over to the gym with my camera, anticipating the Junior skit and dance. The pressure was on; the Junior class was first to perform.

As I was preparing my camera, my friend Jane Yi stopped to say, "Look at the crowd! Dont ya just love it?"

Our theme this year was Scooby Doo Juniors and gazing around, that was all you could see - all kinds of Scooby Doo attire. People wore Scooby Doo pajama bottoms, shirts, and self-made outfits. The Mystery Gang was on the floor and the

Showing All She's Got!

Putting it to the Music, Tawny Schrodetzki demonstrates her excitement during the Junior dance. There she goes showing all she's got after weeks of practice for Spirit Week. Photo: Jennifer Hsu show was on its way while I was clicking away. A cheery Jerri Dequinia reflects, "The skit was awesome, I love Scooby Doo! GO JUNIORS!"

As for the dance, Shaggies, Daphnes, Freds, and many more gathered from all sides of the gym to put on a dance that rocked to the 80's hit "Thriller" by Michael Jackson.

By the end, the crowd was no longer hushed, but was cheering - for this was the Junior class at their best. All the time and effort put in by the Junior Class Council and Junior Class officers payed off because the atmosphere exuded fun all around!

# Return of the Vikings

A look at Vikings with Irvington Alumni family members // By Irram Khan

This is my Junior year at Irvington, and what a ride It has been. During passing period, I can't help but notice all the beat up lockers and the interesting murals.

In class, I pick up an old yearbook and look at how much Irvington has changed, and In my opinion, that is not much. My sister, however, begs to differ. Irvington was her home about 10 years ago and according to her, we have made many accomplishments. "Irvington is winning awards, and is often commended for their efforts in learning and teaching", she says. Well I guess when I look back at the good old days at Irvington and reflect, I will appreciate the change.

### Smell the roses

Smelling a flower, Justine Caires hangs out with her Grandpa Dawson. He ws a member of the first raduating class, in 1962. Photo: Julia Green



Lauren Ritchie Christopher Roe Briana Romero Valerie Romero Andrew Rosales Erica Sanborn Nicole Sanders Manmeet Sandhu

Jesus Sandoval Moises Sandoval William Sansone Garrett Santo Jackielyn Saquiton Humaira Sarker **Emanuel Sarmiento** Tawny Schrodetzki

> Karl Schultz Shakira Scott Danielle Seiwald Jonathan Sevilla Jaclyn Sewell Mostafa Shafaq Maria Shalkh Fazilat Shariff

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**Juniors** 



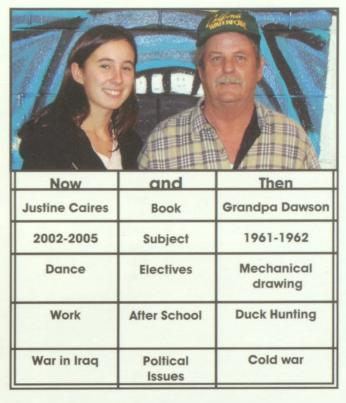


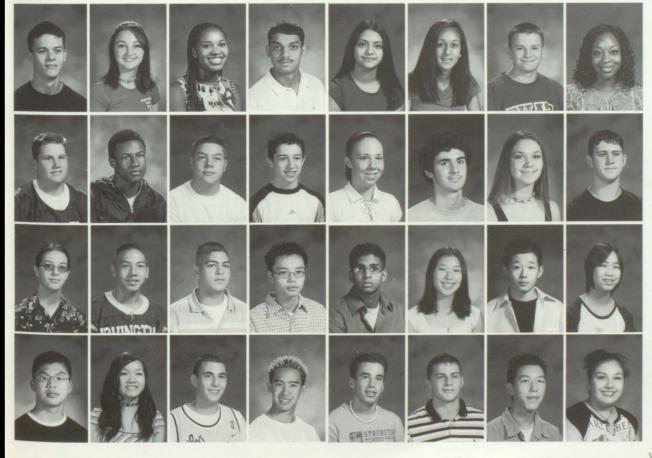
### Sister, Sister!

Having a day just to themsevles, Irram and sister Afshan go out for studio pictures. "You never know when she's going to leave," Irram says. "Plus we'll have a picture together before that!"

### Losing more than a sister

On her wedding day, former Viking Afshan Khan walks with her sister, Irram Khan. "Shes like a best friend who has always been there for me," says Irram Khan. *Photo: Amir Hussain* 





James Smith Tony Smith Nathan Souza Steven Spencer Desiree Springs David Srour Ashley Stauffer Kyle Stephens

Angela Stoering Harold Suminguit Siddharth Suri Fumio Suzuki Wajid Syed Leslie Szeto Bryant Tan Jessica Tang

Ling Tang Victoria Tang Raof Tarazi Austin Taylor Mark Thayer Andrew Tindall Max Tran Roxann Trillo

### **Shirley Cao**

"Get a cell phone! Fifty cents for local call is going to eat your lunch money away!"



### Debbie Santiago

"You can always do your homework in advisory class; there are many people that can hep you."



# Surviving Three Years... How do you do it? By Johnson Jeng

### Jesse Kleinsasser

"Practice makes perfect, simply put. Anyone can say it, but the difference is the ones who actually strive."



### Dianne Go

"Two words: study hard."

### **Lennie Tang**

"You can find drinkable fluids in the recycle bin. You can never go thirsty at Irvington!"



### **Amar Mistry**

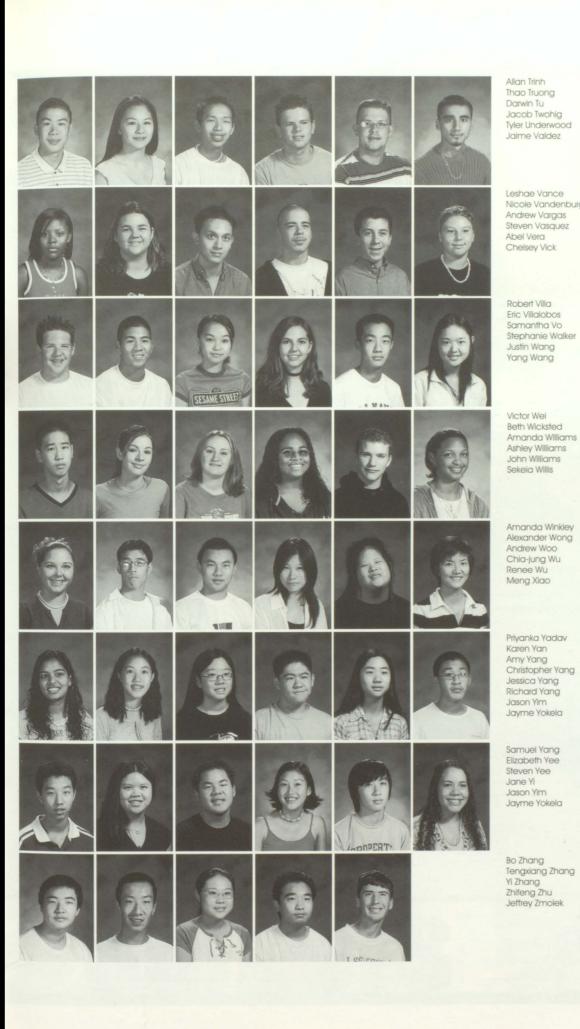
"Never sleep in an AP class."

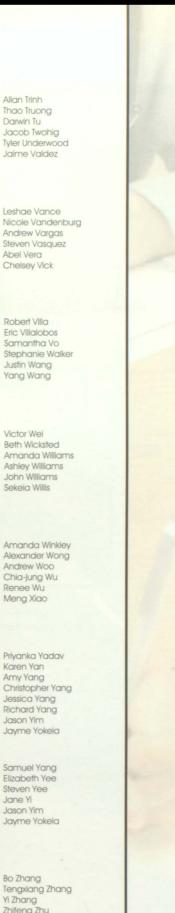


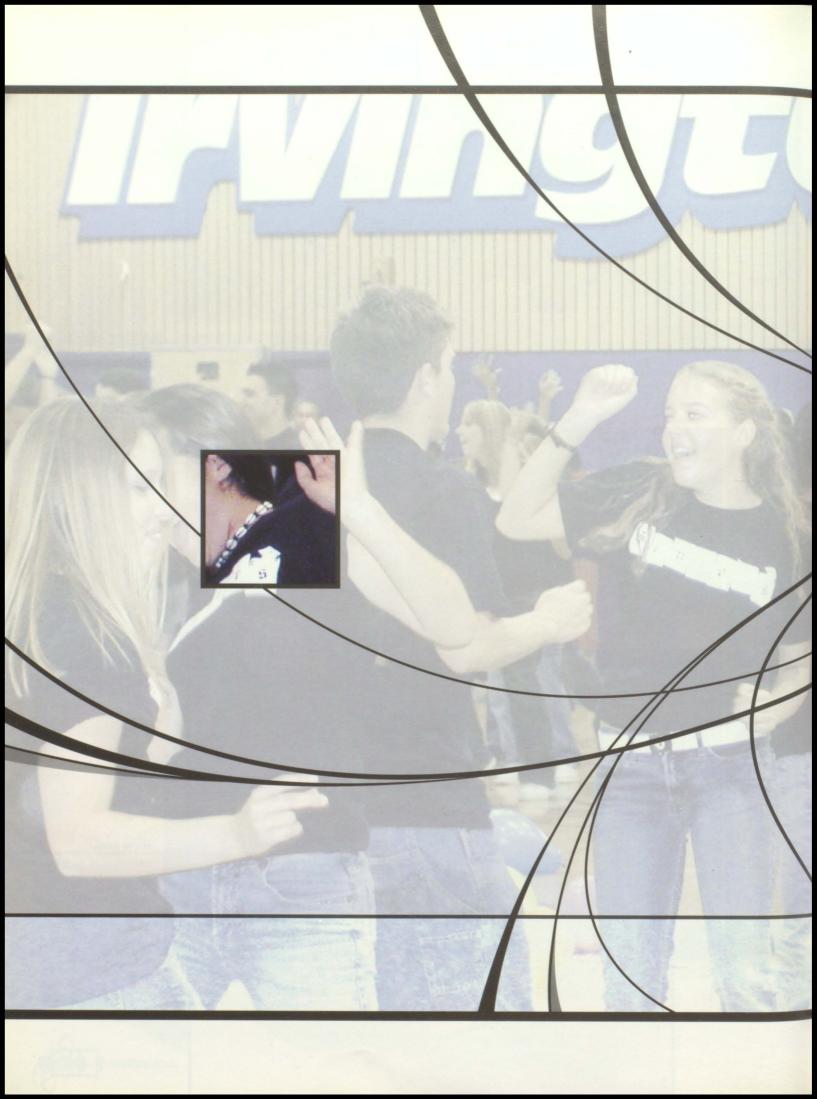
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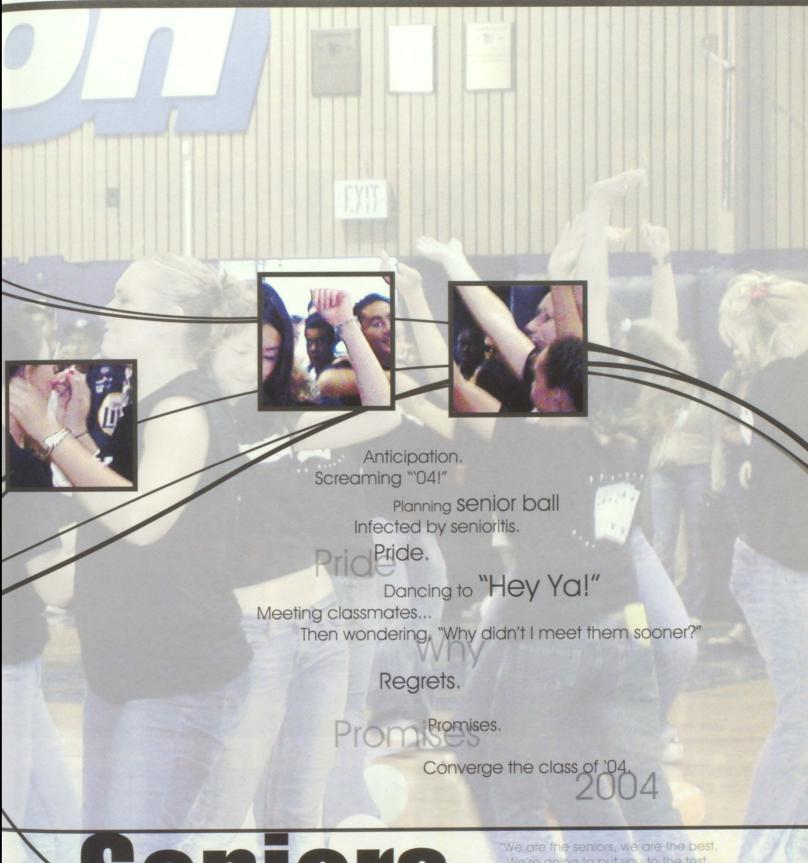
"To avoid being late to class, buy a good lock: one that actually opens!"











Seniors

"We are the seniors, we are the best,
We're going to put you to the test.
So buckle up your seat belt, step on the gas,
We're going to kick you in the - everybody!
We will we will ROCK YOU - SENIORS!"

rriends are...



Trisha Abad



Andrew Adame



Ashish Agrawal



Patrick Allan



Melissa Alvernaz



Krupa Andalkar



Chad Archila



Eugene Ardissono



Jeanette Arevalo



Haris Ashraf



Tim Au



Lauren Avina



Samihah Azim



Christine Baird



Nadine Balagot



James Ballard



Farhad Baniani



Shayon Baniani



Winnie Barquero



Julio Barreto



Michael Barrett



Punit Bavishi



Thomas Becerra



Nathan Berge



Raman Bhatia





uper Jobs Toke Super Seniors Nick Terry and Kendra Sakuda handle the task of leading the Senior class



Kendra	Favorites	Nick
Speed	Game	Taboo
Blue	Color	Blue
Rocky Road	Ice Cream Flavor	Mint Choco- late Chip
Hawaii	Dream Vacation	Australia
Sports Therapy	Class	English

ick Terry and Kendra Sakuda, president and vice president of the senior class, represent everything the senior class stands for: brains, brawn, artistic talent, and a sense of humor. Given a list of questions to answer, Nick and Kendra battle it out via AIM.

SAGA: Okay...what's the most difficult aspect of your jobs as officers?

Nick: Dealing with everyone's opinions and respecting their ideas while trying to incorporate all of them.

Kendra: Oh, very true...

SAGA: So why did you choose Real **World Seniors?** 

Kendra: I wanted a show where we could make up our own characters to be more creative...besides, we're seniors and we're going to be leaving good old Irvington for the REAL WORLD soon!

Nick: [The theme] was decided after I returned from my trip, but I didn't want to make a bad first impression on my new best friend...

Kendra: So you hate the Real World?!?! Nick: NO! I think it's a great choice!

Kendra: LIAR!

SAGA: Why do you love the c/o 2004? Kendra: We're the most spirited and we have a close bond with one another.

Nick: \*At the same time\* Because we're the most spirited... and we love each other back!

Kendra: Whoooa!

Nick: Scary great minds think alike!

SAGA: Do you work well with each other?

Nick: NO NOT AT ALL!

Kendra: Yeah, I hate you! At least we

agree...

Nick: Um...yes, I love working with you, like when you come into the backyard I'm relieved because I know my right hand man...I mean WOMAN...is there.

Kendra: It's kind of scary doing things without your consent or support...I feel more secure when you're there.

Nick: We're both just easy going people! Kendra: Yeah, we've never really disagreed on anything

Nick: I just think of ideas...you put them

Kendra: Only for the class of 2004!

- Todd Blythe

### **Real World**

Everyone helps out at Senior Bench Building. Renee Wong, Namrata Singh, and Erin Pangillinan work on the dice for the Real World senior bench. Photo: Nisha Desai

### **Council Meeting**

Lynee Sanute, Renee Wong, Namrata Singh, Kim Doying, and Amy Dave are being attentive during one of many class council meetings. Photo: Roma Parekh









Erica Bland



Todd Blythe



Maria Bonilla



Nicole Boswell



Wendy Breen



Alexander Broom



Jeffrey Buchanan



Crystal Burke



Jason Cain



Seniors Michelle Calderon



Katrina Carlo



Thomas Carrillo



Bernadette Catania



Adam Catigan



othing can be achieved in the

They are in charge of Spirit Week including the dance, benchbuilding, and the skit. They also organize Senior Ball and make sure everyone has great memories

of the event. In general, the senior class council helps unify all the different people in the senior class in order to achieve their goals.

"Senior Class Council is comprised of many different groups and individuals, which is exactly how our Senior class is," says Amy Dave. According to many of them, senior council is a forum where they can express their opinions. "It's great being part of something in a place you love," says Namrata Singh.



Senior Class Council
"Shake It Like a Polarid Picture"
First Row: Namrata Singh,
Anum Tariq, Renee Wong, Erin
Pangilian, Lyra Rosario Second
Row: Amy Dave. Kim Doying,
Ashley Juenger, Lynée Sanute,
Shreya Mehta

## earnwork at Play

Senior Council tears it up

By Roma Parekh



Fanny Chan



Genevieve Chan



Jennifer Chan



Jayaram Chandrasekar



Andrew Chen



Samantha Chen



Albert Cheng



Kwan Choi



Elizabeth Choo



Jennifer Chou



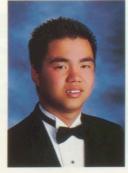
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Melody Chu



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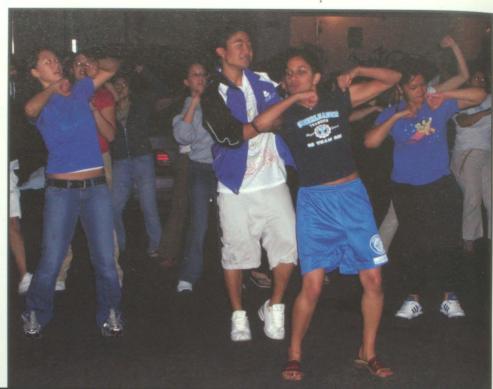
Jump Jump, "Ungh!"

Working to perfect the dance, Jayne Law, Curtis Takeda, Nikita Patel and Katherine Sese are "shakin' it" in front of Kendra's house. All of the neighbors were very supportive and even brought food. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

**Building An 'Aloha!'** 

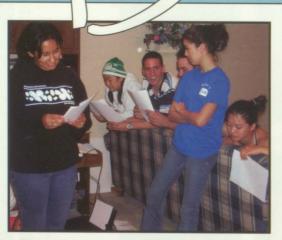
Bringing the palm trees to the oneninth of the Real World set for Hawaii, Kirby Parnala and Nick Terry paste the base together. To add the finishing touch, real palm leaves were used at the top. Photo: Tiffany Nguyen





vilding the Real World

Seniors come together to paint, act, dance, and build By Jennifer Hsu



oofing up lines, splattering paint on our clothes, shakin' it "like a polaroid picture" was what senior year benchbuilding promised - and more.

Kendra Sakuda's house transformed into a world of random paint spills, free munchies, and wood splinters; where many seniors stretched their creative abilities and carpentry skills (or rather the lack thereof when the nail completely missed the target).

Why "Convergence"? Take it from a girl who has barely talked to 30% of the senior class; I have never interacted with so many people before. "Amazing" couldn't even begin to describe the experience, and I know I wasn't the only one who held such sentiments.

On the evening of October fifth, our last shot at perfecting the bench, Kali Delzompo commented to those who helped her paint the Real World sign, "How many times are you ever going to talk to this person or that person again, you know?"

Think about it.

Benchbuilding ceased to be defined as "we need a skit," or "hey, can I paint anything else?" but as a bonding experience that challanged the high school stereotypes of cliques and popularity.

It wasn't just about making a stellar golden gate bridge; it wasn't just about having our own block party in the middle of street blasting Outkast out of our car speakers - it was about taking the opportunity to do it together...as a senior class united.

### What's My Line Again?

Laughing at the goofy script, Lauren Avina, Liz Choo, Tim Gerber, and Lydia Nguyen practice their lines for the senior skit. They didn't get the chance to practice until the day before the performance. Photo: Melody Chu

### **Alcatraz Construction**

Accenting the San Francisco display, Chris Smith and Corey Young cut up boards to build Alcatraz. The bench received second place although such detail was put into each of the Real World sets. *Photo: Melody Chu* 

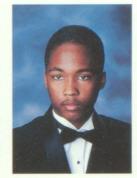




Rachel Clark



Dana Clifton



Christopher Cobb



Monica Colagiovanni



Esmeraldo Conanan



Anna Cornelio



Chrissy Cortinovis



Matthew Crowell



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Amy Dave



Allyson Davis



Edward Davis



Tami Deering



Annalisa Deguzman



Vanessa Deguzman



Jacquelin Delatorre



Emilia Deluz



Kali Delzompo



Nisha Desai



Andrea Doerner



Kimberly Doying



Heather Driscoll



Charles Durham



Amy Enstrom

Benchbuilding

Second place for bench?! No way. But yes, that's what the seniors were ranked this year when the scores were finally announced during the middle of the homecoming football game. Furious at the loss of the Triple Crown title, seniors chanted "RECALL! RECALL!" loudly across the TAK Stadium.

The situation was never resolved, but hardly any of the seniors regretted the experience. "Before, I thought benchbuilding was an event that I didn't really need to go to. Now I realize that benchbuilding is so much more. It's being able to interact with other people, learn new things, and maybe even get to meet new friends," said Rowena Fung. Since the seniors' theme was MTV's "Real World," the bench consisted of famous landmarks from New York, Paris, New Orleans, and more. By 7:45 AM, all the sets were neatly set up across the courtyard, proudly displaying the result of the 981,342 hours of hard work.





Q: If you were a judge, who would you give 1st place to?

A: Seniors. The seniors were better. They were more unified, because they paid more attention to details.

Mr. Bob Moran | AP Studio Art teacher

# eat World: The set By Wendy Lao

After 981342 hours of working, this is what the Seniors had to show



Arturo Espinosa



Hiba Fahim



Erin Fajardo



Ailee Fei



Zechariah Feng



Nicole Fittipaldi



Jonathan Flores



William Flores



Devin Foley



Amanda Ford



"Here's some advice: be bold, be true, be kind, be you!



#### Unbreakable

Two football players jumped on this imitation Golden Gate Bridge, yet it remained standing proud and strong. The sturdiness represented the bond that the seniors shared when constructing this. *Photo: Wendy Lao* 



#### **More Magical Than Disneyland**

The spirit of seniors converging together to create this masterpiece was even more magical than Disneyland. The result of their teamwork was spectacular. *Photo: Wendy Lao* 

#### Who's a Senior?

The word "SENIOR" was spelled out as a friendly reminder of who this bench belonged to. The deck table made from scratch was part of the Las Vegas casino set. Photo: Valerie Lim



















**New York** 

Paris

Seattle

Chicago

Honolulu

London

Las Vegas

Fremont



Dane France



Joan Fung



Rowena Fung



Gina Furiosi



Megan Gailey



Megan Galloway



Cynthia Garcia



Raymond Garcia



Kevin Ger



Timothy Gerber

"Life doesn't start till after high school, so have fun during your high school years -



Fatema Ghiassy



Kelly Gibson



Wilson Go



Paola Godoy



Kimberly Gomes



Andrew Gomez



Rosalina Gonzalez



Lindsey Groves



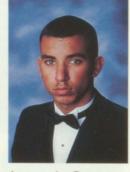
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Mitzi Gutierrez



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Patrick Hahn



Pakeeza Haider



Jeremy Hall



Derek Hallett



Jonathan Hanhan



Franz Hansen



Tabitha Harris



Shannon Haslinger



Johnny Hebison



Testing 1, 2, Testing 1,2.

To avoid audio problems, Kasia Zarzycki, Christy Baird, Christian Vazquez, Liz Choo, and Jamie Mangan did the voice for the characters. The actors had to work hard to coordinate their actions with their voices. Photo: Samihah Azim

Cast Name Derek Hallett

Lynée Sanute

Jason Cain

Sabrina Habel

Introduction Song

Monica Colagiovanni Lorenzo Guerrero

I'm Too Sexy Barbie Girl Shake Your Bon Bon Sweet Home Alabama U+Me=Us Cherry Kiss

Tim Gerber Jamie Mangan Christian Vazquez Christy Baird Liz Choo Kasia Zarzycki

Voice







The Cheerleader



The Latin Lover



The Country Girl





The Gothic Chick

### ex Yo! It's the Real World Seniors

When people stop being polite and start getting REAL By Samihah Azim

Thursday October 23, 2003 was the last time the senior class of 2004's would perform their skit and dance, and show their spirit during homecomng week. The theme this year was The Real World Seniors, based on the MTV show, The Real World.

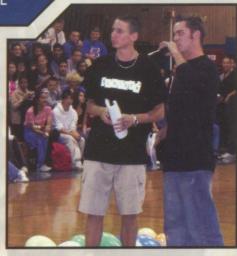
Sabrina Habel, the author of the script said, "My main goal when writing the skit was to have it be funny and enjoyable." Which it was.

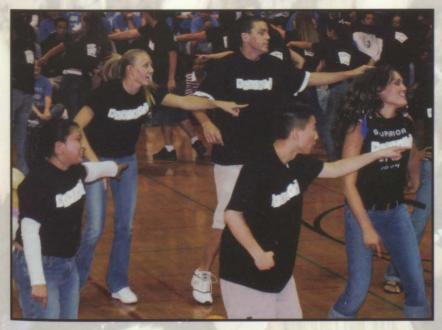
Everyone in the audience laughed at

the stereotypical characters. Despite their differences, all six of the people in the Real World Irvington House were able to come together for a Road Rules challenge (or chal-an-gae): beat the Mission San Jose nerds in a game of football.

During the halftime "commercial break," clips from the past three years' dances were played: Michael Jackson's Thriller, Craia David's Summer Jam and Will Smith's Wild Wild West.

The dance this year was set to Hey Ya by Outkast. A win against Mission San Jose was the perfect way to end the skit.







#### **Incoming Announcement!**

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, be prepared to be amazed by the seniors! Tim Gerber and Matt Johnson MC the show. Photo: Samihah Azim

#### It's the MSJ Cheaters!

The "Mission San Jose nerds," Lydia Nguyen, Vincent Ling, Victor Yoon, and Genevieve Chan panic as they remember that they have to study for the SATs. Photo: Melody Chu

#### Heeey Yaaa!

To prove that they are finally seniors, Kirby Parnala, Jamie Mangan, Matt VanDerwerken, Andrew Ton and Christy Baird call out "heeey yaaa" to the crowd. Photo: Melody Chu

Like mother, like daughter In 1969, Denise Sakuda, then Rudoplh, was crowned Homecoming Queen during her senior yr. In 2004, Kendra was on homecoming court during her senior year. *Photo: Special to SAGA* 

## Wendra Sakuda and her dad, Wayne Sakuda walk towards the field during the Homecominng game. You can tell that they are close just by checking out their mathing converse sneakers. Photo: Melody Chu





Seniors of their parents



Sarah Henry



Carlos Hernandez



Nathan Hg



Scott Holtog



Ka-lin Hong



Randeep Hothi



Julie Hou



Justin Howcroft



Grace Hsiang



Jennifer Hsu



Michelle Hu



Tzu-chen Huang



Jasmine Hum



Christine Humphreys



Robyn Hutchings



Seniors

"When there are hard times

Many families have legacies; two of these students with such stories are Kendra Sakuda and Corey Young. Kendra, Denise, and Wayne Sakuda talk about how IHS has changed over the years:

SAGA: How did you get to school?

Kendra: My mom drove me until Junior
year, and now I drive a Toyota Cressida.

Wayne: Walked until middle of sophmore year, then drove a Malibu. Denise: Walked, then drove a Volvo. SAGA: Did you go off campus for

lunch?

**Denise & Wayne:** [We had a] closed campus.

SAGA: What electives did you take? Wayne: Typing, T.A., and Student

Government.

Denise: Business Class.

SAGA: Where did you hang out?

**Wayne:** After football games, [we] would go to Round Table Pizza and Farrell's Restaurant. We also went to Red Barn and Jack in the Box.

SAGA: What were the "trends"?
Wayne & Denise: [The] "happy"
movement, tye die, bell bottoms, beads,

granny dresses. **Denise:** Song Girl, CSF, Key Club

Sweetheart.

SAGA: What were the big movies?

Denise: Love Story with Alley McGraw and Funny Girl with Barbara Streisand.

SAGA: What sports did you play?

**Denise:** I loved sports but only belonged to Girls Athletic League (GAA), a Song Girl for 3 Years.

SAGA: What were the political issues while you were at IHS?

Kendra: Iraq War, Terroism

Wayne & Denise: Vietnam War, Lottery Draft, Protests, and drugs started to get a

lot of attention.



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Now	and	Then
Corey Young		Mike Young
2000-2004	Year	1975 - 1979
Cooking Weight Training	Electives	Sewing Cooking
Baseball Cross-Country	Sports	Outside Sports
Rock Alternative Oldies	Music	Fleetwood Mac ACDC Boobie Brothers Eagles



Catherine Huynh



Amir Ibrahimzada



Scott Ingraham



Sehrish labal



Shehzad labal



Jennifer Iso



Astraea Jager



Jamie James



Jessica Jhinnu



Hao Jin



Christopher Johnson



Matthew Johnson



Michael Jones



Ashley Juenger



Stephen Kalawaia
Viking Family



# "Now that I look back, high school wasn't that bad at all! I met some good people and I managed to have some IUN, and I'm glad for that.



Atif Kamran



Ashley Kendall



Michael Kinghorn



Dean Kirk



Erwin Kong



Jocelyn Koo



Phillip Lacorte



Bryan Lai



Percy Lai



Peter Lan



Wendy Lao



Jayne Law



Christopher Lay



Brian Lee



Janey Lee



Kristin Lee



Toni Leggett



Albert Leo



Lydia Leonard



Joyce Leung



Leilani Lezada



Kai Li



Carol Lieu



Allison Ligh



Evelyn Lim





Vincent Ling



Haoyang Liu



Xiao Yan Liu



Jennifer Low



Josh Ludden



David Luong



Toe Lwin



Vinh Ly



Moises Maciel



Nathanial Maggio

Exiov Soges

By Nisha Desai

Seniors share the wisdom they've gained during high school



**Lenny Taguchi** 

Don't forget your locker combination!

#### **Amy Dave**

If fate doesn't adjust itself to you, adjust yourself to fate. Learn to take what comes and move on.

#### **Robert Vargas**

Don't put on too much make-up in the morning. You eventually learn that appearances don't matter in high

Jessica Jhinnu

There are three words I've learned in high school: Life goes on. Take the time to pursue interests outside of academ-

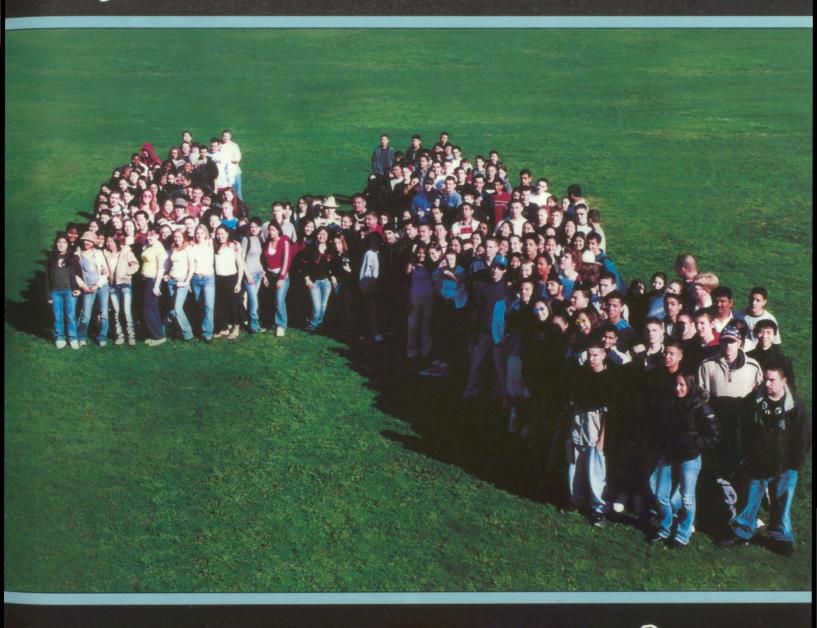
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Photo: Tyler Underwood

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# High School



of 2000



Dianne Mak



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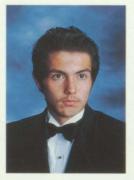
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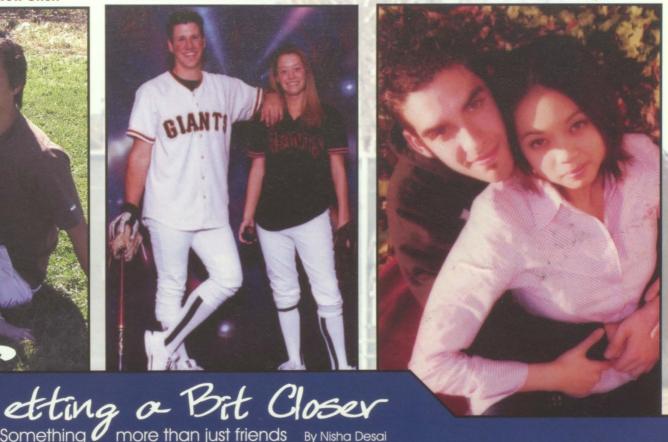


Lisa Stoorza and Andrew Chen

Matt Crowell and Tabitha Harris

**Curtis Steckel and Suzette Rieta** 





ligh school relationships have been an essential part of some people's four years at Irvington. It's with their boyfriend or girlfriend that they found joy, solace, and comfort. Here are three couples that found love right here on Irvington's campus: Andrew Chen and Lisa Stoorza, Matt Crowell and Tabitha Harris, and Curtis Steckel and Suzette Rieta. They share the fond memories and the reasons that their relationship is so special.

A school project may not sound very romantic, but that's how Lisa Stoorza and Andrew Chen fell for each other.

They became closer and started going to each other's houses and spending late hours after school to finish the project.

As for their relationship now, Lisa states, "Andrew is different, he is sweet and always listens," Andrew, on the other hand jokes lightheartedly, "She gets mad when I talk about girls." Lisa quickly protests: "No I don't!"

Besides their usual hangouts, their best memory was the time they went to the beach with a group of friends. "We stayed up all night talking." Lisa reminisces.

Something more than just friends

These two may have their differences, as well as similarities, but the memories shared count for more than anything

Meeting at the bus stop may sound like something out of a fifties movie, but that's how Matt Crowell and Tabitha Harris became a couple.

"We kind of flirted that year, and we ended up going out for less than a week," says Matt. They started liking each other again sophomore year, and Matt asked out Tabitha in March.

One of the things that make this couple so unique is that they have different points of view on many topics, but they think it has allowed them to learn from each other and grow closer together. Matt and Tabitha are extremely comfortable with one another; they often remind each other of their affection.

"I remember when Tabitha decorated my locker for my birthday two weeks after we started going out. I thought it was really sweet that she went all out, even though we'd only been going out for two weeks," says Matt. Tabitha also shares a sweet memory: "He got me a dog and every time I squeezed the hand, it would say, 'Hey Tabitha, I love you very much."

The couple now faces the obstacle of a long distance relationship, but they remain optimistic. "We understand it will be a tough situation, but we're going to try to stick it through," says Matt.

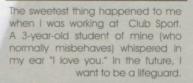
Curtis Steckel and Suzette Rieta have been going out for "fifteen and a half years." They believe the reason they're so compatible is because they are secretly aliens and they both hate iced tea. "They first met because they had a class together..." reveals Ginny Wang. "They kept insisting they were just friends."

"We love each other, but we don't like each other," jokes Curtis. Both Curtis and Suzette have a subtle sense of humor that's often lost on the masses. Suzette claims that a dirt bike Curtis bought her was the sweetest thing he's ever done, and they often dirt bike together. When asked to describe each other in three words, Suzette said, "I don't know," counting each word on her fingers. "Well, maybe he's hairy."

After two years together, Suzette says, "There are more fights, but it's funnier." Curtis says that their relationship has gotten easier. Curtis and Suzette plan to attend San Jose State University, and they're happy that they won't have to face the possibility of a long distance relationship.

**Tabitha Harris** 

My most embarrassing moment working at Pizza Depot was when I made a pizza wrong and my boss said I had to give it to the customer for free.







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Seniors work for college tuition savings, cars, or clothes. By Erin Pangilinan



Kimberly Miller



Ryan Miller



Scott Miller



Shelby Minister



Denae Mintun



Brandon Minyen



Hasan Misherghi



Husain Misherghi



Rob Mishra



Christopher Mitchell

"IHS is a good school - even though I Wish QUEST didn't exist, but that's what we have to do



#### **Catherine Huynh**

I work at Caffino Express, a drive-thru at Warm Springs, the saddest thing that happened at work was when a car ran over a squirrel. We buried a grave for it.





Elena Montoya



Eric Morris



Leah Mosgrove



Kathryn Mosso



Melissa Mountford



Nevin Murthy



Jacquelyn Nguyen



Lydia Nguyen



Tiffany Nguyen



Vickie Nguyen

"Life has its ups and downs, but in the end you'll be **Proud** of what you overcame.

Just hang in there and don't let anything or **anyone** get to you." - Elena Montoya



Jennifer Nowell



Donald Nurge



Katlin O'Neal



Sasha Obukhovskaya



Priscilla Ochoa



Brandie Oheill



Pamela Oneill



An-chen Ouyang



Erin Pangilinan



Lisa Parcher



Roma Parekh



Kirby Parnala



Bhumikabe Patel



Khushbu Patel



Nikita Patel



Romita Patel



**Umang Patel** 



Kevin Patrick



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Joseph Peng



Kevin Percelle



Christina Perez



Lyndsay Perrins



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#### Amir Iborahimzada Diane Torres





As an owner of three different cars, Amir Iborahimzada proudly shows off his '96 Chevy Tahoe with underbody neon kit. Installed is a custum audio system and two 15" subwoofers to pump up the bass.

Bought with her own pocket money, Diane Torres leans lightly on her Ford Mustang Convertible. Being of of IHS's senior cars, this Mustang's off the hook. The power convertible roof allows Diane to show off the car's interiors on sunny days.

#### Monica Colagiovanni **Elena Montoya**

Monica Colagiovanni and Elena Montoya happily drives a 1983 Toyota Cressida and 1985 Chevy Celebrity to school. With power locks, air conditioners, shiny rims, and sunroofs these rides are pure luxury.







Joseph Peng sports his clean, slick Mitsubishi Eclipse GT. Armed with Injen Cold Air Intake, ACT Heavy Duty clutch, red neon kits, and Thermal Research & Development exhaust system, this car may be the fastest Japanese car on campus yet.

Megan Gailey shows off the real American muscle. Packing a heavy Roush Stage 2 V-8 engine and dual side exhausts, this machine will smoke anyone on campus. Other than a loud engine, Megan also stocks a Mach-6 speaker system with an Alpine Deck and dual 12-inch subs.



Joseph Peng **Megan Gailey** 











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Christopher Randolph Veronica Resendez





James Riemers



Suzette Rieta

## iver ging Poths By Tiffany Nguyen Where seniors are going after Irvington

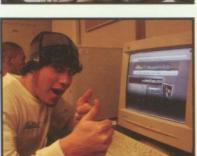
#### Sasha Obukhovskaya

"I applied to 11 different schools with Davis being my first choice. I want to major in business administration and minor in communications to advertise for the latest electronics.



#### **Scott Holtog**

"I'm going to college after high school to major in digital graphics so I can become a webdesigner. I already have a webpage for my band and a clothing line online as well, so I hope to continue and expand."



#### **Arturo Espinosa**

"After high school? I'm going to go to Mexico and play professional soccer."



#### Lisa Parcher

"I have wanted to be a veterinarian since I was 11. After High School I plan on going to college where I will major in animal science, then I will go on to vet school."



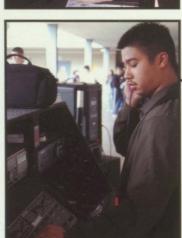
#### Amanda Ford

After high school, I'll be attending a community college while working in a boutique store too.



#### Erin Fajardo

"For some reason I've always had an interest in analyzing people's behaviors, so plan to go to San Jose State University and major in sociology with a concentration in criminology."



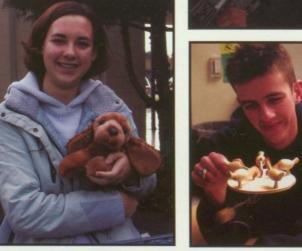
#### Adam Catigan

"My senior year will be my fifth year of being a DJ. After high school, I plan to attend a mechanics program while achieving a bachelor's degree in business management. I've thought about being a full-time master mechanic, but influences such as Joseph Espinosa and Ryan Baird inspired me to continue my DJ career."



#### **Eric Morris**

"I want to go to an out of state college, ideally New Mexico Tech to major in astrophysics. first decided to go into this when I went to the mountains a few years ago. I looked up and I was like WOW!!!!"









Andrea Rodriguez



Andrew Rojas



Kelsey Roldan



Lyra Rosario



Shelley Rosenberry



Kendra Sakuda



Drew Sanchez



Lynée Sanute



Heather Schaak



Alex Schwiwtalla



Katie Scrivani



Katherine Sese



Tommy Sewell



Jonathan Sexauer



Kinar Shah



Khadar Shaik



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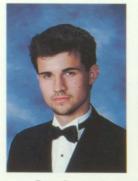
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Lisa Szlendak



Anthony Tadina



Len Taguchi



Edwin Tai



Curtis Takeda



Xiao-wen Tao



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Andrew Ton



## ood Luck Seniors! By Jessica Chen

The hard work and dedication seniors have put through out these four years of high school have been more then acknowledged by teachers... and they hope for the very best in their futures.

#### Ms. Linda Jackson

"I hope your stage will always be lit, and that you will always remember your line. The audience will give you a standing ovation, so break a leg."



#### Mr. Bob Moran

"I wish those seniors who work and study allow themselves to have fun. And those who have fun now, I hope their dreams may come easily to them."

#### Mr. John Macuk

"Stay balanced and full of energy, sleep the summer away because you won't be getting any in the next four years."



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#### Ms. Beth Rothfuss

"As you go through life, may all your functions be continuous, and denominators rational. And always use pencil because you can cover up your mistakes."

#### Mr. Greg Canavero

"Subvert the dominent paradigm. Keep your mind open, you don't need to know all the answers right now."





#### Ms. Belinda Brackett

"As you go through life, find your passion, find your true love...and, of course, Shakespeare said it best (Yes, I think this because I am a big of English nerd), 'This above all: to thine own self be true.'







Winnie Barquero



**Leonard Baxter** 



Jason Cain



**Elizabeth Choo** 



Kali Delzompo

The class of 2004 is one of the most exceptional classes in Irvington history. A perfect blend of leaders, artists, actors, stage technicians, athletes, and scholars makes this class both well-rounded and memorable.

The SAGA staff decided to combine the Viking Award winners with the Viking Top Ten and hold a Round Table session on March 17, 2004. Dur-

ing the Advisory period, these influential seniors laughed over jokes, spilled answers to our questions, and shared beloved memories with their peers. In this short hour, they relived their entire high school life: the sweat, the stress, the laughs, the tears, and the future. Reminiscence and future plans were the themes of the day. Here is the transcript.

### What is your favorite room or location on campus?

Cain: I would have to say the courtyard because it's where all my friends hang out and it's such a diverse group.

**Delzompo:** My favorite room is Mr. Pearce's room because I spent 25 days there my freshman year because I would always be late to school and I'd end up getting detentions.

**Wong:** I'd say Mrs. Cook-Kallic's room because I spent a lot of time there and we could do whatever we wanted.

**Bhatia:** I like room 214/215 (Mr. Musto's room) because it's the only room big enough for Kevin and I to throw a football



David Torres



Diane Torres



Krishelle Torres



Ai Vi Tran



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Anthony Trevino



Pavan Trikutam



Daniel Tritton



Liwei Tsao



Seniors

"If you don't know how to BS...just give up now."

#### Eleven contributing Seniors receive the Viking Award By Nisha Desai

### iking Movers and Shakers



Sabrina Habel



**Manaf Mansure** 



**Kevin Patrick** 



Kendra Sakuda



Sean Stader

around.

**Agrawal:** My favorite room is 101B because there are always things going on.

**Abad:** Mr. Richards' room because his door is always open for anyone who wants to go in there.

**Wu:** Room 104 because it reminds me of We the People competition and all the fun times we had.

Misherghi: Supaksh Gupta, Jon Sexauer, and I loved Sanford's room, room 95, during freshman year because we had a lot of fun. At the end of the year, we threw a little time capsule behind one of Sanford's cabinet. We drew pictures and wrote letters to ourselves. We're going to

go see if it's still there at the end of the vear.

If you were a type of paper, what kind of paper would you be?

**Chan:** I'd be tissue paper because I have really bad allergies.

**Stepan:** I'd be scratch paper because it's always there for you to use and it's just really useful.

Choo: I hate wide ruled...

Habel: Confettil It's loud and fun.

**Wu:** I'd be a newspaper because people usually read the front page, but they never read the inside.

**Barquero:** If I was a type of paper, I would be red construction paper because then

people could build me. I like the color red too.

**Stader:** A piece of wood. It's not paper, but the material paper is made out of. In tech class, we always draw on pieces of wood with a sharpie.

What's the most memorable moment you've had at Irvington?

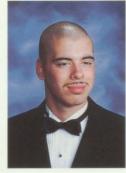
Sakuda: Spirit Week. Senior Day.

**Mosso:** We the People State Finals because it was such a different experience and a great feeling. Oh yeah, and our 2:00 AM trip to Palo Alto.

**Li:** Last year at the tennis MVAL tournament. The top guy dropped out of the bracket and I was able to get in the top



Matthew Vanderwerken



Steven Vasquez



Jorden Villarreal



Jessica Vo



Stephanie Wall



Ginny Wang



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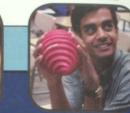


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Kai Li

Raman Bhatia



### codemic Elite of '04

The Viking Top Ten salute those who excel academically

By Roma Parekh

four.

Choo: I'd say the first day of freshman year. I hated Irvington; I hadn't met Raman yet!

**Wong:** I agree with Liz. Before I came to Irvington, I was at a private school and it was completely different than Irvington. On the first day of school, our French teacher let us out early because she was new, and I went to my second period class early. It was so embarrassing!

**Habel:** The day I got married to my beautiful husband Nick Terry in AP Stuido Art class and we painted rings on each other. I had a diamond ring and he had a gold band.

**Patrick:** My most memorable moment was when we had a party after the homecoming game in the weight room. The entire football team, all the coaches, and a bunch of people just partied in the weight room until 1:00 in the morning.

Yu: From the first rally. I actually got up and talked to people. I never really had the guts to go and talk to random people before that rally.

Cain: The night before Senior day during homecoming. I spent the night

at Kendra's. Derek [Hallet] couldn't shut up and I got no sleep because he was snoring so loudly.

What's the grossest thing you have bought and eaten from the cafeteria?

Li: I had this pizza. You know how they come wrapped in foil? Well, the paper was stuck to the pizza and I bit it and it tasted weird. I chewed it awhile before I realized that the paper had stuck to the pepperoni.

Mansure: Remember when the cafeteria sold sushi? One day, I decided to try it and it had this green stuff on it. I thought it



Jennifer Whealen



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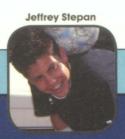


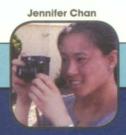
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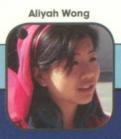
"Don't live in the past, don't depend on the future, and learn to live in the present." - Sapna Yadav













was wasabi, I ate it, and...it wasn't.

Wu: I bought a hot dog from the cafeteria and the meat was gray. It was so gross; I couldn't eat it.

#### What's the grossest thing you've left in your backpack or locker?

Stepan: I think it was the last day of freshman or junior year...l brought a banana to eat and I put it in my locker. Well, I ended up not eating it and I never opened my backpack the entire summer. I ended up throwing that backpack away!

If you have already chosen a major,

what is it and how did you decide?

Misherghi: I'm still undecided, but I'm thinking about international relations and then law. I've wanted to be a lawyer ever since I saw The Practice.

Sakuda: I want to be an elementary school teacher. I've always wanted a board. Not a chalkboard though; I want a white board.

**Barquero:** I want to do business administration. Most of my family members live in third world countries and I want to help them.

Stader: I want to become a set designer.

I love what I do. I'm proud of my work. I create the actors' world; it's like playing God.

Mansure: It took a long time to find out what I want to do. Film and drama was something I did as a kid, and I was able to rediscover my passion for it during senior

Bhatia: I went to the UC Davis campus and they had a lot of construction going on, and it was very interesting to see the buildings slowly gaining shape and form. We got an addition on our house and I helped build it along with the workers.



Corey Young



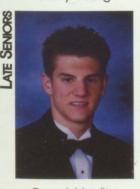
Freida Yu



Jennifer Yu



Kasia Zarzycki



Pascal Mueller



Dimitry Stadlin











## So Why Convergence?

If you didn't know, Fremont Unified School District Changed DOUNGARIES in the year of 2000. Now, four years later, Irvington's senior class consists of a new student body merged from five different elementary schools: Grimmer, Harvey Green, Hirsch, Warm Springs, and Weibel.

On the SURFACE, that is what people see.

The students, however, share a different story... especially the class of '04.

Sure, the school district changed boundaries, but the class of 2004 broke them. Ever since freshman year we have been screaming agianst the seniors in the courtyard.

Remember that?

Remember how we laughed at Unit 1's tribute to QUEST during Senioritis/Senior Ball Expo? Remember sitting in class and watching every other person beside you fall asleep?

Remember hearing about what everyone else is doing after we graduate?

Remember that?

Remembering is the final step of Convergence. and now... it's our time to diverge.

This is not just any farewell...it is the Senior Farewell.











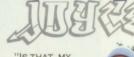












OK, GIVE ME A SLUT-EYE!"

"IS THAT MY FUNNY BONE?" - POODUMS





PERSON: "I LOST TO VIRGINIA." WENDY: "WHAT? YOU LOST YOUR VIRGINITY??" - WENDIDEE





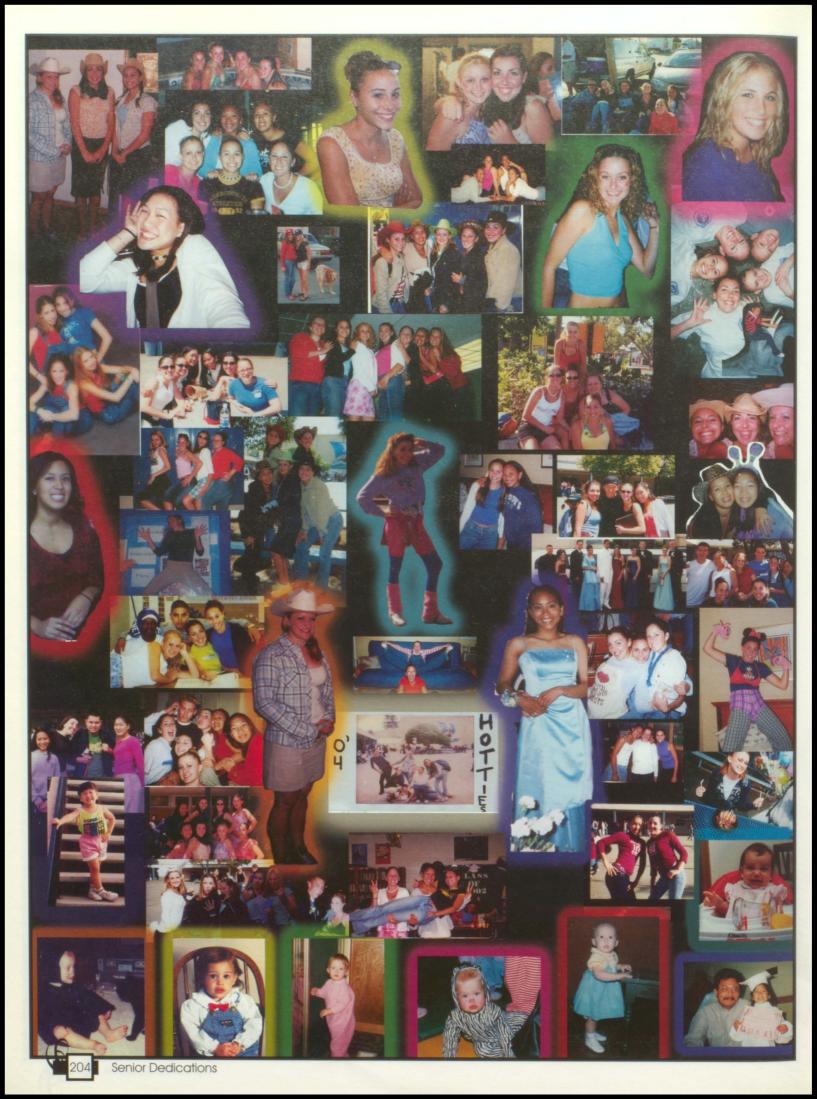
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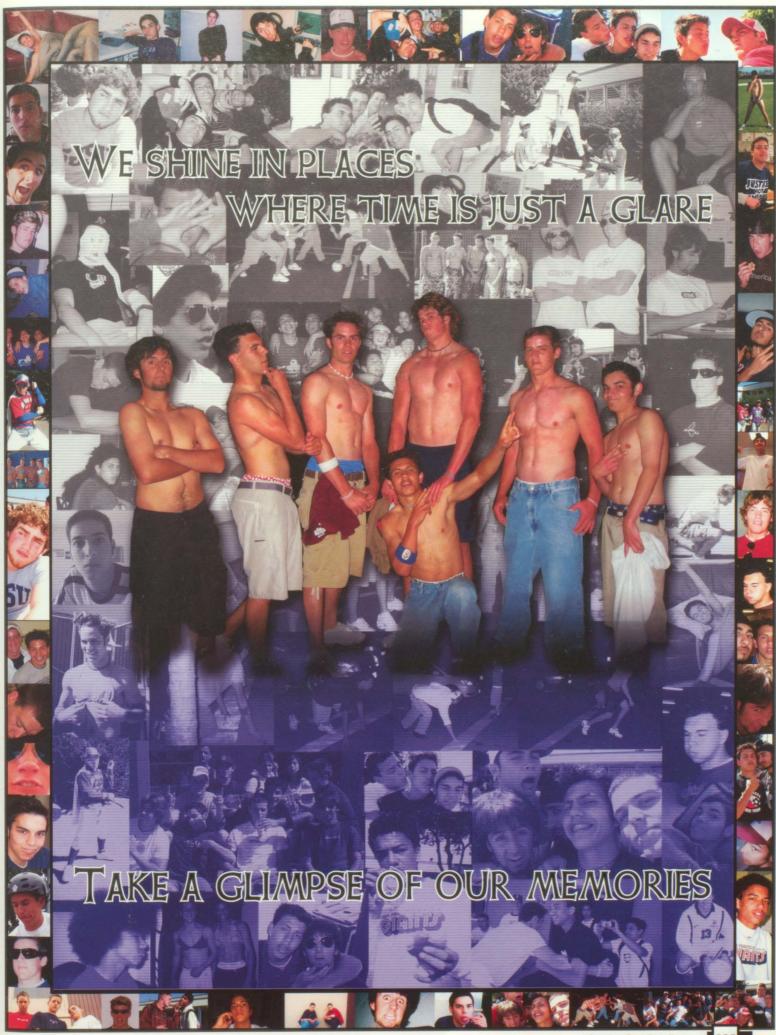


"JUST SAY, 'JUST KIDDING!"
"POINTS TO THE SKY" - WEE WEE

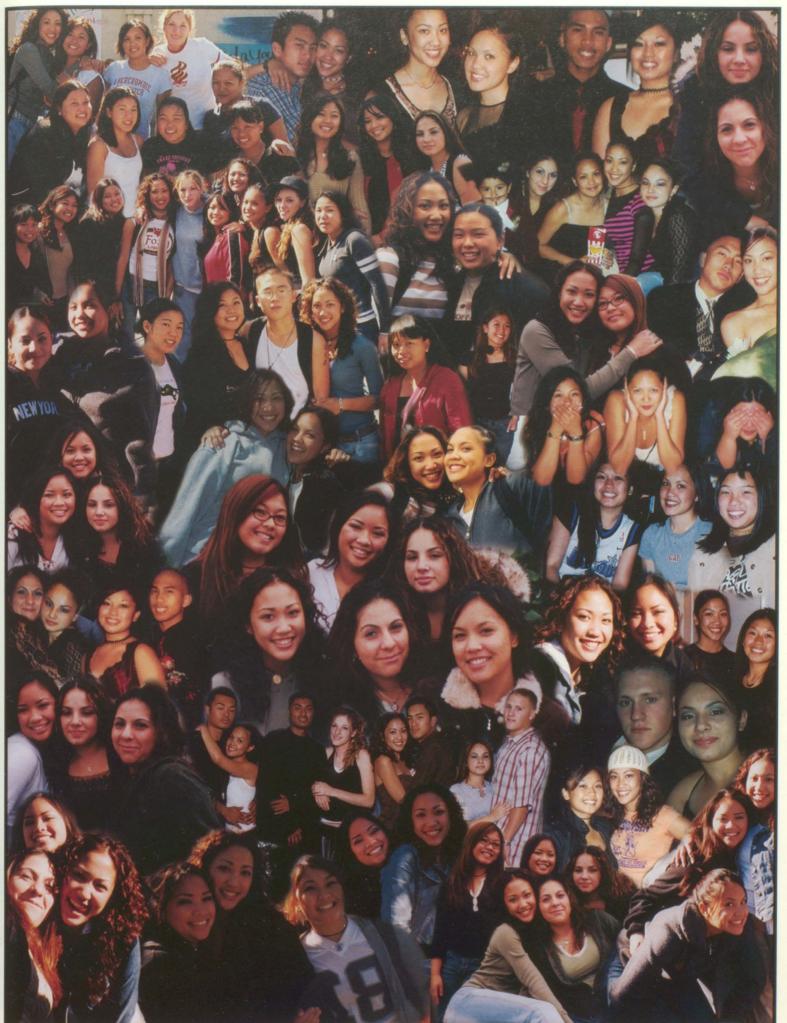


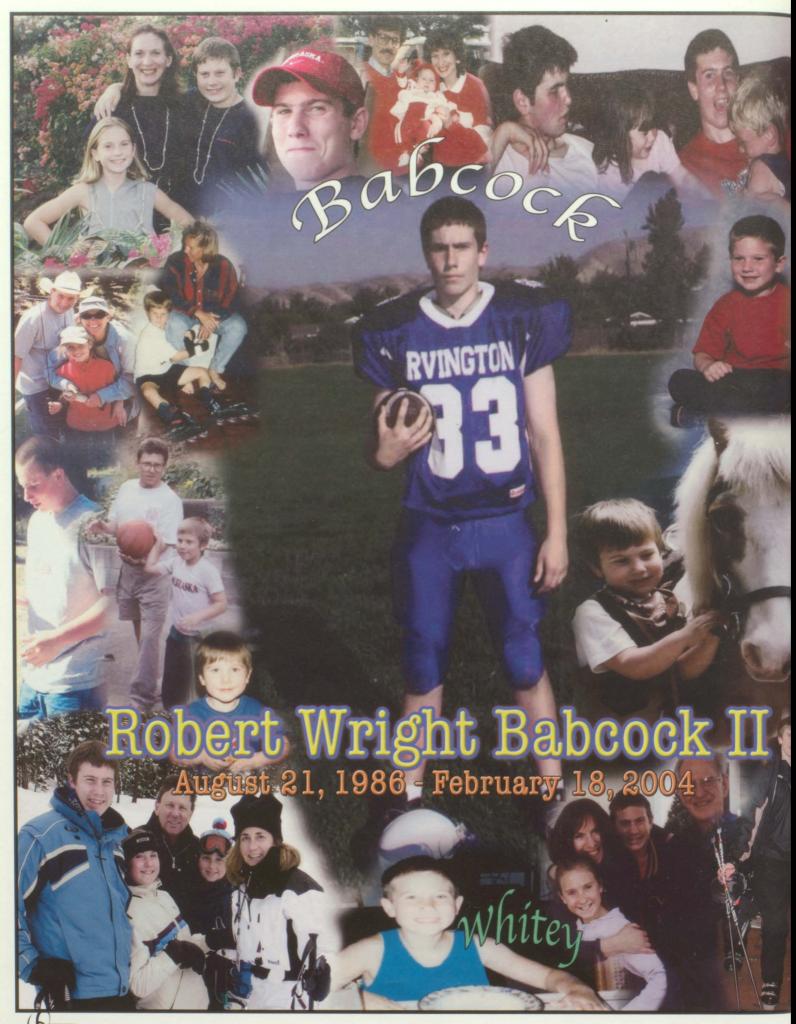


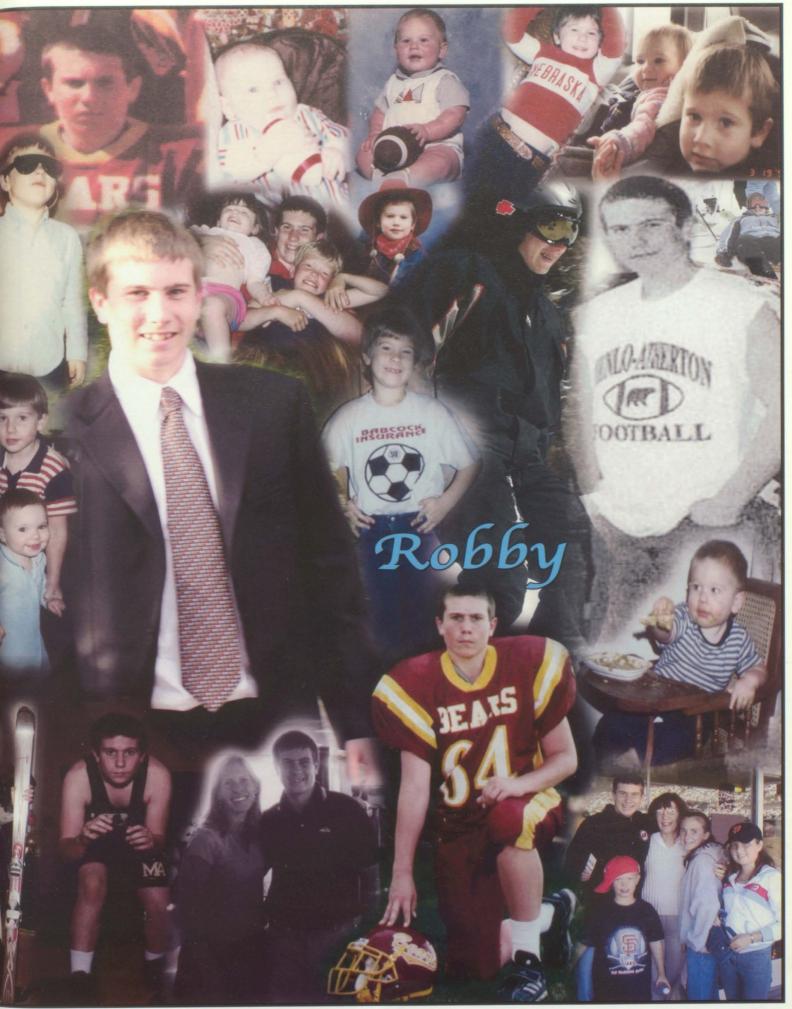












#### Crystal Rose Burke

You are definitely a special gift from God!! We thank Him every day for you and are so very proud of you! You have brought such joy to our lives, and we love you more than you could ever imagine!!

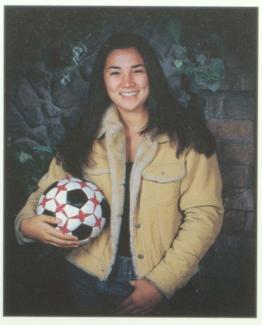
You have so much potential, put it to good use. As you walk through life, hold your head high. You can do anything you put your mind to. Always remember that wherever you go, Jesus walks beside you. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

"Dear Crystal - We are thankful that God has made you a part of our family. We pray every day that you will always keep the Lord and His will at the center of your life. - Love, Papaw" "Dear Crystal - We have always been proud of you & thank God for giving you to us! - Love, Grandma"



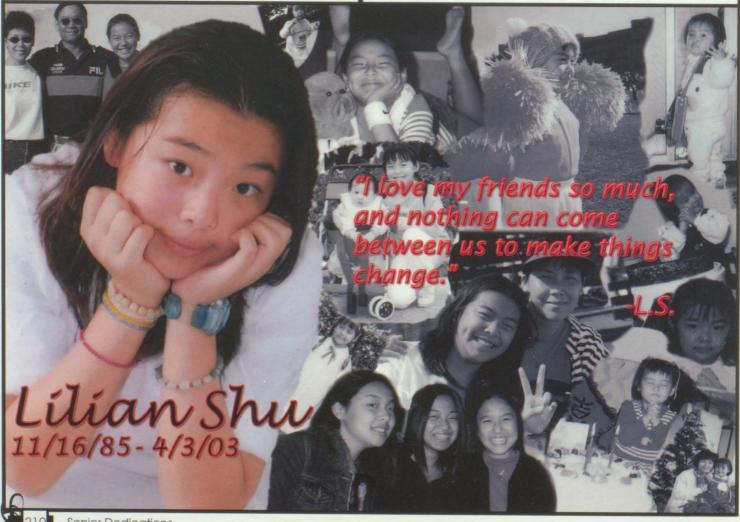


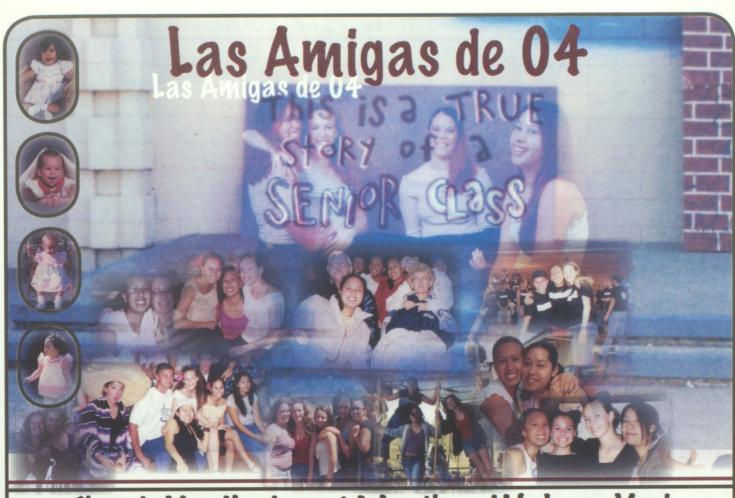
"Just think, you are here not by chance but by God's choosing. His hand formed you and made you the person you are. He compares you to no one else. You are one of a kind. You lack nothing that His Grace can't give you. He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation. By Roy Lessin" To Tennifer Fso, the Daughter of our Dreams.



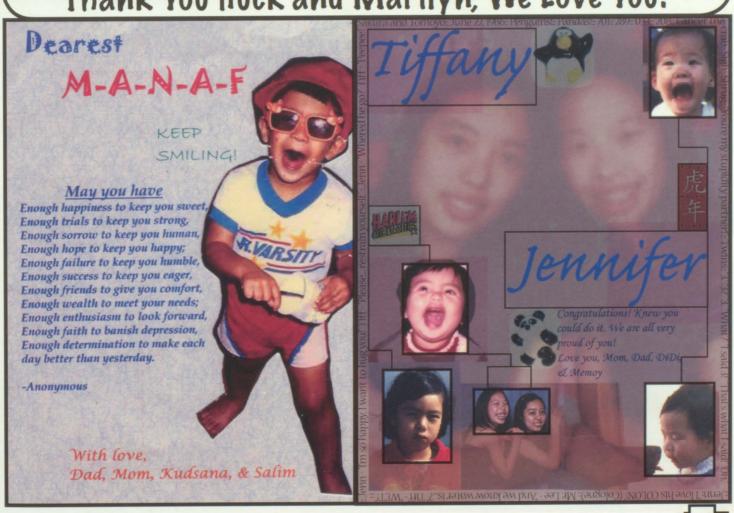
"Hour time has come ... to shine! All your dreams are on their way, See how they shine."

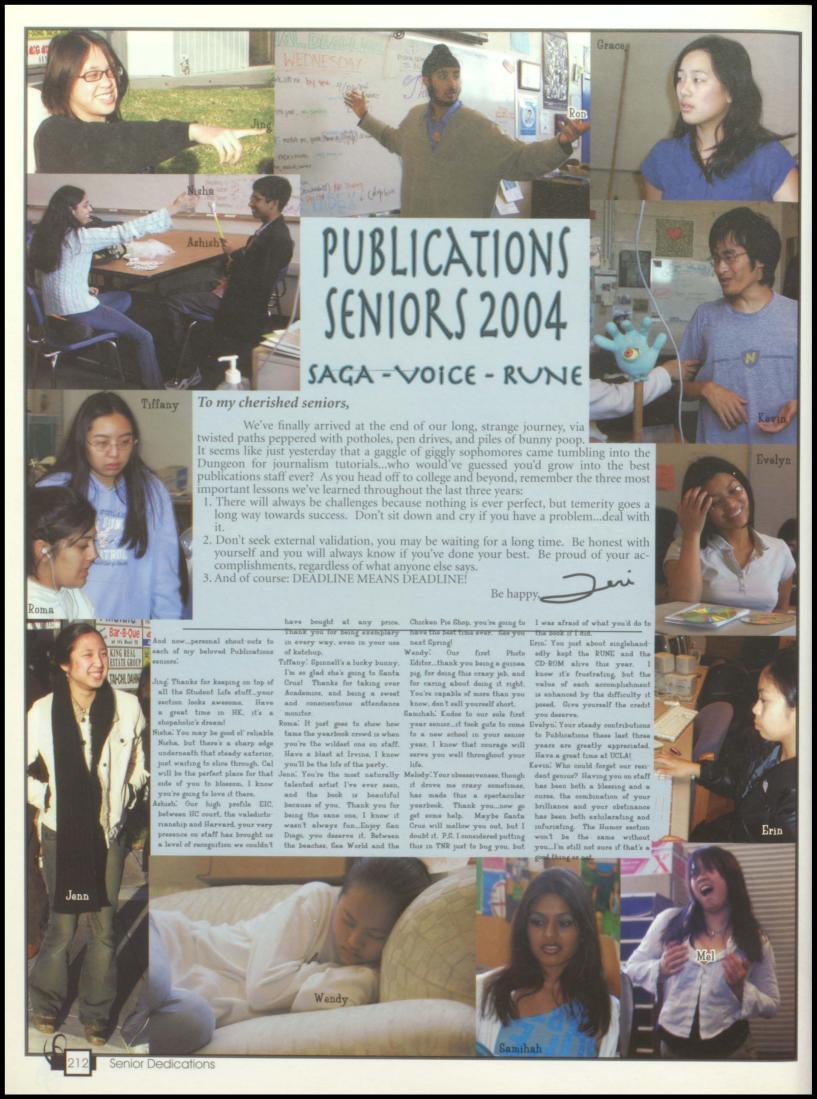
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Thank You Huck and Marilyn, We Love You!





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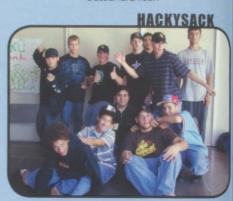
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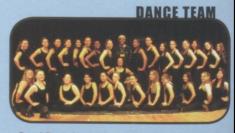
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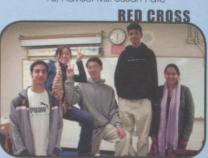
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This was our first year working with Friesens, a printing company based in Altona, Canada. During the summer, six staffers visited the Friesen's headquarters to see firsthand how yearbooks are printed. To Paul and Doug Friesen: Thank you for all your support, even though we avoided your phone calls. Sorry.

Thank you Damon Crow, our Lifetouch rep, for helping with photos and the camera repairs. Also, we would like to thank Robert Buchner of NW Photography for promptly sending us the sports team photos.

Once again, the SAGA is 224 full color pages long. Our underclassmen mugs and senior portraits were shot by Lifetouch/Prestige. The yearbooks sold for 60 dollars during MAZE, and namestamps were avalible until December. The price went up throughout the year, and the final price, at distribution, was 75 dollars, cash only.

Our cover is a custom designed 4 color process, first treated with a gloss lamination and then covered in two layers of matte lamination for the two

tone effect. The lines are done in silver hot foil, and the boxes on the cover are debossed.

We'd like to express our deep appreciation for all the teachers who let students out of class for photos, interviews and other yearbook-related distractions. We're sorry for disrupting your classes, we hope you understand that it was truly, genuinely necessary.

Our folio design owes much to Yan Min Hong, SAGA '03 alumnus, whose graphics expertise made it possible when no one on staff could make it work.

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This year has been fun. It's also been more stressful than anyone could have ever imagined...but mostly, it's been fun.

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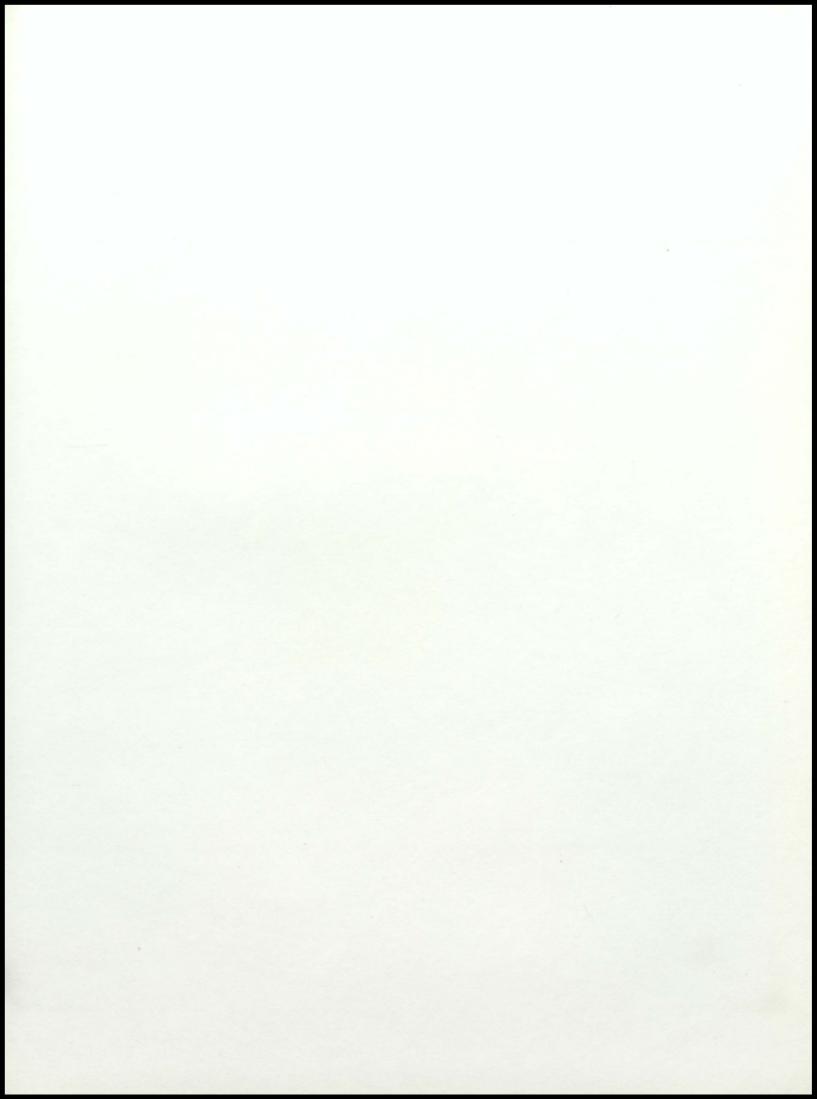


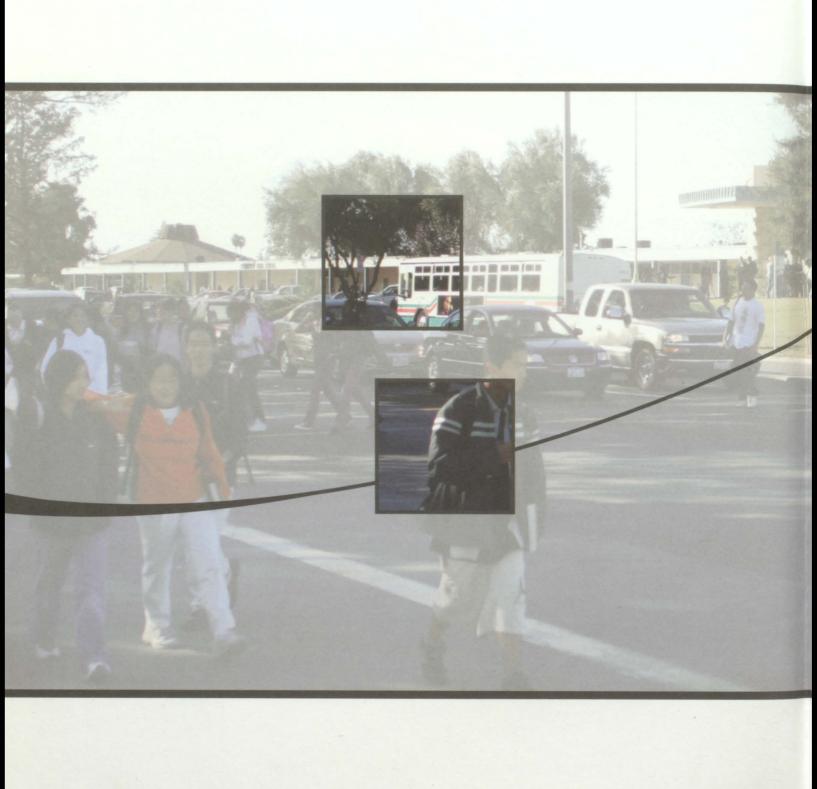
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